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Family History Research and Volume 1 of the *Dictionary of Virginia Biography*, *Aaroe—Blanchfield*

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Biographical research—done the Virginia way—has centered on men who served in the political and military arenas, Lyon G. Tyler's five volume *Encyclopedia of Virginia Biography* (New York, 1915) has long been the standard-bearer in this genre. When the Library of Virginia conceived the idea of a multi-volume biographical reference work, it planned from the beginning for the work to be more varied and thus the editors included more Native Americans, women and African Americans, as well as male Virginians who were distinguished in a variety of other fields. The work extends from the period of colonization (in fact, it will

include some persons who occupied the land before the first settlers arrived) to within a few years prior to the publication of the volumes.



After the subjects for a volume have been selected, the editors assign the research and writing to appropriate authors. Each biography emphasizes the subject's accomplishments, and contributors who could place the subject within historical context were sought out. Just as the editors insisted that this interpretation be accurate, they also insisted on the highest degree of accuracy possible in establishing the family data reported on each person. There were instances in which authors residing out of state did not have ready access to resources, just as there were instances in which authors did not know how to glean the records for such

information. The editors checked, double-checked, and sometimes triple-checked facts relating to dates of birth, marriage, death and necessary information about other family members. The Library of Virginia is a goldmine of sources for genealogical research, but we sometimes found ourselves dealing with subjects who were born or who spent their formative years outside of Virginia. It often became necessary for us to become acquainted with sources outside present-day Virginia.

Standard secondary sources, many of which have been around since the turn of the soon-to-be-concluded

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century, have long been the Bible for genealogical research, with more knowledgeable researchers extending their research to primary records. The editors turned to those same sources and quickly learned that it would be necessary to dig a bit deeper than the surfaces breached previously. We did not hesitate to contact educational institutions (where we on more than one occasion learned that a degree claimed was actually attendance at the school for less than a year), family members and co-workers, churches (which resulted in more than one instance in records coming to the Library of Virginia), funeral homes and cemeteries, and, quite often, to the relatively new, USGenWeb project on the World Wide Web.

With the publication in November 1998 of volume 1 of the *Dictionary of Virginia Biography*, previously recorded information about some of the Old Dominion's premier families has been altered drastically, much has been revealed about persons who were little known, and people about whom virtually nothing was known were brought to life. There are 477 biographies in the first volume of the *DVB* and, for these, there are several thousand research stories that could be related.

For example, the few references to the David Bell who was a member of the Convention of 1788 identify this person as the husband of Judith Cary; we proved that the delegate was the previously unknown son of David Bell and Judith Cary Bell through establishing that the senior Bell was dead before March 1780. Incidentally, are you aware that in the Virginia of the 1780s, there were at least ten people named David Bell? We had to eliminate each of these people from consideration as we identified the correct person.

Among the more drastic changes we made to Virginia legend concerns the names of the leaders of the 1671 expedition seeking a passage beyond the mountains; standard literature, including entire books, state that this expedition was under the command of Thomas Batts and Robert Fallam. Careful examination of signatures on contemporary documents and reference to the original 1674 letter from a sponsor of the expedition, rather than reliance on a published transcription, have resulted in our identifying the leaders as Thomas Batte (not Batts) and Robert Hallom.

Anyone working in genealogy will at some time confront the confusion resulting from the change from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar in 1752; this resulted not just in the loss of eleven days but also in a big question mark as to what year an event occurred if it was between 1 January and 25 March of any given year. Well-meaning researchers have pushed dates forward until a person was born—or died—well past the actual date. For example, published biographies indicate that Sir John Berry, one of the royal commissioners of the colony in the aftermath of Bacon's Rebellion, died on 14 February 1691, which would be 1690/91, but his will was proved on 24 March 1689 (i.e., 1689/90) and his widow remarried in October 1690. Obviously at some point his death in February 1689/90 was reported as 1690; the next researcher saw the 1690, assumed it was 1690/91 and reported that he died in 1691. So much for the accuracy of that published date! The miracle is that it was not advanced more.

Now that we have provided this source, how can you utilize it in your research efforts? Although individual volumes will not be indexed, an online Editor's Index is fully searchable for all the personal names in every biography. By its nature, this index will pull up a specific name whether it

it appears as a surname, maiden name, given name, or as part of a firm name. This index may be found through the Library of Virginia's Home Page or you may go directly to <http://vsla.edu/public/dvb/>

Each biography concludes with a source note identifying the records used to compile the facts given in the biography. Generally, the source for the date and the place of birth is the first element of the source note, while that of the date of death is last; variant dates are noted. In several instances, our research efforts resulted in our locating heretofore unknown family papers, copies of which were made available first to the project and then to the Library of Virginia. These papers brought new life to biographies on members of the Allen Family in the Shenandoah Valley, William Armstrong and George W. Berlin. The source notes will direct the researcher to primary and secondary sources for continued research.

Those of us involved with the production of the *DVB* believe that we have established the standard for biographical research that others will now be forced to meet.

You may order the *Dictionary of Virginia Biography* or its *Classified Index of Biographies* from the Library Shop, Library of Virginia, 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219. The price of the volume is \$49.95 with shipping and handling charges of \$5.50. The accompanying *Classified Index*—a pamphlet listing *DVB* subjects in volume one by time, place of birth, occupation, race, gender, etc. is \$7.50 postage and handling included. The online order site is <http://vsla.edu/public/dvb/dvborder.html> or you may call 804-692-3524 to place a credit order.

VGS News Items & Announcements

VGS member **William H. Long** traces his roots in the 18th century to Caroline County. To finalize his book, "It's a Long Story...", he wishes to contact others researching the Long family and its collateral lines. Virginia surnames in his direct lineage include Powell, Wright, Dyson, Blake and Snow. Direct inquiries to **William H. Long, 3 Punch Bowl Dr., Falmouth MA 02540-2342; 508-548-2912; e-mail willylong@aol.com**

The Society wishes to welcome the following new members:

Friend:

Raymond E. Lyons, Red Bank, N.J.
Richard Reynard, Garland, Tex.

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

New Members:

Charles P. Jones Memorial Library, Covington, Va.
Pattie T. Arwood, Disputanta, Va.
Mrs. Cathy Dagenhart Baugh, Harrisonburg, Va.
Ann Kicker Blomquist, Orlando, Fla.
Marcia K. Bourdeau, Port Huron, Mich.
Don Bridger, Seattle, Wash.
Mrs. Camille Bush, Edmond, Okla.
Nicole Castle, Los Angeles, Calif.
Hope Eggerding, Grand Rapids, Mich.
Virginia M. Ellis, Louisville, Ky.
Jean T. Gillett, Sacramento, Calif.
Kay Kerbow Gregory, Austin, Tex.
Virginia Housman, Greenville, Ohio
Mary Ellen Driggs Inge, Chase City, Va.
Jeannine Johnson, Dumfries, Va.
David M. Lawrence, Durham, N.C.
Carol P. McCoy, Falmouth, Me.
Mary Slaydon McNeill, Greensboro, N.C.
Mrs. David L. Metz, Florissant, Mo.
Mrs. Julia Parlett, Luray, Va.
Mark A. Patten, Gladwyne, Penn.
The Rev. Frederick W. Pyne, Frederick, Md.
Pearl L. Savage, Beardstown, Ill.
Dolores C. Smith, Chesapeake, Va.
Jeanie M. Trimble, Thonotosassa, Fla.
Eric Vogler, Kalamazoo, Mich.
Carolyn L. Whitton, Vienna, Va.
Penelope Woodford, Richmond, Va.

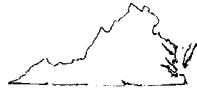
The Society wishes to acknowledge with gratitude recent contributions to the **Virginia Records Fund** from the following:

Kathleen Mortensen in memory of Charles G. Badger
Anne H. Love in memory of Richie May Jarrett
Claude Lee Turner in memory of Vines Edmunds Turner

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:

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News From Around the State



The Cumberland County Historical Society will celebrate the county's 250th birthday in 1999. A special committee has been devised to collect items of county interest to be used to print a historical bulletin. Of particular interest are articles or items that describe significant events during any year since 1749. For additional information contact the **Publications Editor, P.O. Box 43, Cumberland VA 23040-0043.**

Earlier this year the **Foundation to Preserve the Integrity of the Census** was established in response to growing concern about the Census Bureau's plans for the year 2000 Federal census. The Bureau plans to abandon its usual approach and instead will count only 90 percent of the population and then statistically estimate the remainder. This means that only 90 percent of the population will appear on the census form, thus leaving out some 26 million people. Some have characterized the Federal census as being the single most valuable source of extant records that contain information about persons and families. More information can be learned by visiting the Foundation's Internet site at: <<http://www.fpic.org>> or by writing to the **Foundation to Preserve the Integrity of the Census, P.O. Box 7188, Silver Spring MD 20907; 301-589-1340.**

The **Genealogical Society of Central Missouri (GSCM)** in its *Reporter* (September/October 1998), contains the family record from the John Hickam family Bible. John Hickam and wife Christina [Corner?] emigrated in 1816 from Washington County, Virginia, to Boone County, Missouri. For more information contact: **Editor, GSCM Reporter, P.O. Box 26, Columbia, MO 65205.**

GENTECH, Inc., an organization that specializes in matching genealogy with the power of technology, will hold a conference at the Salt Lake Hilton Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah, on January 22-23, 1999. For more information, check out GENTECH's web site at <<http://www.gentech.org/>>, or write to **GENTECH '99 Conference, P.O. Box 1144, Salt Lake City, UT 84110-1144.**

Bill R. Linder, author of *How to Trace Your Family History*, has organized a group visit to the Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah, during the week

of February 14-21, 1999. For information, contact **Bill Linder, 4615 9th St. S., Arlington, VA 22204-5922;** e-mail Blinder777@aol.com

German researchers at the **Kelberg School** are building a database to track descendants of emigrants from Kelberg and its surrounding villages in the Rhineland-Pfalz. The project notes several families that are tied to Virginia, in particular the family of Paul Einig, from Salcherath, which in 1841 recorded Virginia as their intended destination. The Kelberg School has established a home page on the Internet at: <<http://home.t-online.de/home/Schule.Kelberg/index1.htm>>. For more information contact: **Karen B. Witmer, 7627 Blaisdell Ave., Richfield, MN 55423.**

Are you a descendant of any of the men in the Corps of Discovery, the Lewis and Clark Expedition? If so, the **Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation** invites you into membership and the Foundation's Genealogy Committee would like to hear from you. For information on the LCTHF, write **PO Box 3434, Great Falls, MT 59403.** If you would like a list of the names comprising the Corps of Discovery, send SASE to **Donna Potter Phillips, 8002 W Mission Rd, Spokane, WA 99224-9572.** [Reprinted from *Tree Topper*, August-September 1998]

Research in Sussex County?

A tough nut to crack! To our knowledge, no genealogical or historical society exists in Sussex County. Research inquiries can be referred to the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sussex County, PO Box 1337, Sussex, VA 23884. The office makes an effort to respond to specific and reasonable research requests. Fees are nominal, although there is a \$10.00 charge for retrieving information from loose court papers for the period 1754-1870, 50 cents per page for photocopies, and \$3.00 for a certified copy of a marriage record. The loose court papers have been indexed by party name and are currently in storage while they await microfilming. The index is not available to researchers until the records have been microfilmed. Requests for extensive research are referred to the Library of Virginia.

The **Prince William County Genealogical Society** has planned a gala pre-NGS Conference event starting with the Ancestors Costume Ball, Mothers Remembered, on Friday, May 7, 1999, at the Holiday Inn Express, Dumfries, which includes a reception

beginning at 6:00, a Colonial Period Style Buffet Dinner at 7:00 and dancing from 9:00 to midnight. Saturday features a Scottish Festival hosted by the Henderson Clan, Historic Dumfries and Town of Dumfries. The Third Annual Genealogical and Historical Resource Fair with workshops and exhibits is on Sunday. Monday and Tuesday provide time for research before you leave for the NGS conference in Richmond. For more information contact **Louisa Hurley at 703-361-0173** or weezie90@juno.com or **Suzanne Curran at 703-257-1625**.

The Rockbridge Area Genealogical Society has back issues of their newsletter *In and Around Rockbridge* for sale at \$15.00 a year. Articles in the newsletters include the 1783 personal property tax lists, obituary notices from the *Rockbridge County News*, abstracts from Rockbridge County Will Book 1, index to obituaries from the *Lexington Gazette* 1911-17, Lexington Presbyterian Church records and early members of Old Monmouth. Contact the **Rockbridge Area Genealogical Society, 33 Heritage View Land, Natural Bridge, VA 24578**. Membership is \$15.00 a year.

The Library of Virginia will soon make available an online searchable database of the Virginia Confederate disability applications. The database is searchable by the name of the Confederate veteran and by the veterans' places of residence (county or city). In addition, each entry contains links to the digitized images of the actual disability applications including supporting affidavits and receipts for payments issued. There are more than 6,000 entries in the database which are linked to more than 24,000 digitized (from microfilm) application images.

The Chesterfield Historical Society has recently published *Gone But Not Forgotten: Gravestone Inscriptions and Burials of Chesterfield County, Virginia*. The cost is \$24.00 plus \$4.00 shipping for the first book and \$1.50 for each additional book. Virginia residents add 4.5% sales tax. Order from the **society, Attn.: Cemetery Committee, PO Box 40, Chesterfield, VA 23832**.

Another cemetery book! The Rockbridge Area Genealogical Society is taking pre-publication orders for *Rockbridge County, Virginia, Cemeteries, South River and Walkers Creek Districts*. The pre-publication price (available until 31 December 1998) is \$45.00 hardcover and \$35.00 softcover. Delivery is expected by 1 March 1999. Please include \$5.00

shipping. Va. residents add 4½% sales tax. Order from **Rockbridge Cems, PO Box 92, Rockbridge Baths, VA 24473**.

Goodbye!

As the year comes to a close we find ourselves saying goodbye to yet another member of our editorial family—the Hoopers. Kathy has kept track of and edited the queries and accessions. Chris has done the typesetting—he's found our graphics, dealt with our last-minute editorial changes, squeezed us into an already over-crowded schedule when we just had to have it done by a certain date and always managed to make whatever we wrote fit into the number of pages set for the issue.

We're sorry they're leaving and wish them every success in their new endeavors.

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.

Our apologies for omitting the addresses for:

Dr. Stephen Bradley, Jr.'s book, *Brunswick County, Virginia, Deed Books, Volume 4, 1765-1770*. The book may be ordered from **the author, 114 Sixth Avenue, Lawrenceville, VA 23868**. Cost is \$25.00 postpaid.

and

The Bulletin of the Historical Society of Loudoun County, Virginia, 1957-1976, 2nd edition. The book may be ordered from **GCP - John Phillips, PO Box 776, Leesburg, VA 20178**. Cost is \$24.95 plus \$3.75 shipping; Virginia residents add 4.5% sales tax.

John T. Kneebone, J. Jefferson Looney, Brent Tarter and Sandra Gioia Treadway, *Dictionary of Virginia Biography, Volume 1: Aaroe—Blanchfield* (1998) xxii, 557 pp.; Smyth-sewn; hardcover; \$49.95; *Classified Index*, \$7.50. Order from **Library Shop, Library of Virginia, 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219-8000**. Please include \$5.50 for shipping.

Inclusion in the *DVB* is based upon a number of criteria; with few exceptions the candidate must have lived in the state of Virginia for a significant portion of his or her life. Virginia is defined as the current state plus the state of Kentucky before 1792 and the state of West Virginia before 1863. Automatic inclusion was granted to Virginia-born presidents of the U.S. and numerous elected officials of the Virginia government (detailed in the preface), general officers from Virginia in the American Revolution, the War of 1812 and the Civil War and winners of major awards such as the Pulitzer Prize. However, the major portion of the individuals included were "Virginians whose lives and careers made them exceptional in their communities and professions." These include such legendary characters as Mad Anne Bailey. Details of family life including dates of birth, death and marriage; names of parents, siblings and children and education are frequently included. Of special interest to the researcher are the detailed notes at the end of each biography which reference Bible records, British Public Record Office records, manuscript collections, county and state records and will, on occasion, correct errors in published works. [For instance, see Elizabeth Bray Allen (ca.1692–by 22 February 1774) which notes errors in S.B. Andrews, ed. *Bacon's Castle* (1984).] Those lucky enough to find an ancestor included will, of course, be delighted; those who don't can still benefit from the wealth of resources mentioned in its pages including the notations on the validity of the information found therein. The *Classified Index of Biographies, Volume 1: Aaroe—Blanchfield* indexes the individual biography alphabetically and chronologically as well as by place of origin, principal places of residence and occupations. It also provides lists of the women, African Americans and Native American included in *DVB*. BVL



Ray R. Sasser, *Royal Land Patents and Commonwealth Land Grants of Greensville County, Virginia* (1998) iv, 205 pp.; maps; illus.; full-name index; spiral bound; softcover; \$35.95. Order from **Ray Sasser, 2134**

Skippers Road, Emporia, VA 23847. Please include \$4.00 shipping; Virginia residents add 4½% sales tax.

On occasion a book appears that is a landmark in Virginia research, *Cavaliers and Pioneers* was one, *The 1787 Census of Virginia* another. These were statewide publications. This volume deals with a single county; yet, in its own way, it, too, is a landmark publication. And, we hope, it is a harbinger of publications to come. The author has identified all [well almost all] of the original land patents for Greensville County. His abstracts include the name of the patentee and his county of residence if recorded (or if the original patent has not been located, the name of the earliest known owner or claimant), the date of the patent, the acreage, the name of the county in which the land was originally patented (portions of the county at various times lay in Brunswick, Isle of Wight, Surry and Sussex counties), adjacent land owners, water courses, roads, etc., price paid for patent if purchased with Treasury rights, USGS quadrangle map on which the largest portion of the patent lies, the approximate longitude/latitude and the source of the information. Each abstract also includes a map reference number which is keyed to one of the twenty-nine maps which show the actual plat and its location in relation to the other patents. Thus any patent can be located on a current quadrangle map. Frequent bracketed information shows additional land transfers, surveys, and other information of interest.

Although the bulk of the book provides abstracted information, what is most important to the reader is its twenty-nine maps which show the actual location of the 645 patents and 63 Commonwealth grants. Pluses include the maps showing the gradual evolution of the county, the chapter on the Virginia patent system, the chapter with maps covering the early settlement of the area and the index of all of the over 700 individuals mentioned in the text as well as over 270 place names. An extensive bibliography is also included. We cannot sing the praises of this volume enough and look forward to the time when such a volume exists for each Virginia county. BVL



William L. Byrd III, *Bladen County, North Carolina Tax Lists, 1768 through 1774, Volume 1* (1998) x, 172 pp.; map., illus.; appendices; full-name, slave and topic index; \$23.50. Order from the **author, 2540 12th Avenue NE, Hickory, NC 28601**.

Bladen County, North Carolina, was formed from New Hanover Precinct in 1734; all or portions of the counties of Anson, Orange, Cumberland, Brunswick

and Robeson were formed from Bladen. In 1800 and 1893 courthouse fires destroyed most of the court records. Housed in the Southern Historical Collection at University of North Carolina's Wilson Library are a number of early tax lists which provide information on families in Bladen. Because the tax law at that time dictated that wives and children of "people of mixed blood" be taxed, these lists provide even more information about this group. This is especially important for those researchers who are interested in the Lumbee Indian tribe which came from this area. The compiler is known for his keen interest in ferreting out items in unindexed manuscript records and we are especially grateful that he has chosen to publish these important records for they document a time when there was major migration from Virginia southward and Virginia researchers will find many familiar names on these pages. In addition to providing a full transcription of the extant lists, the author has included the pertinent laws establishing both who was and who was not to be taxed—too often we fail to learn the rules under which records were created—a failure that can cause us to misinterpret the data. We look forward to the second volume of this work.

BVL



The following books may be ordered from **Dr. Stephen E. Bradley, Jr., 114 Sixth Avenue, Lawrenceville, VA 23868.**

Stephen E. Bradley, Jr., *Brunswick County, Virginia, Deed Books, Volume 5, 1770-1775* (1998) ii, 135 pp.; full-name index; stapled; softcover; \$25.00 postpaid. See ordering information above.

The compiler continues his abstracts of Brunswick County deeds with this fifth volume. A randomly selected page suggests that researchers in other counties might find that these deeds would supply information about their own research—we find thirty-six pages with references to North Carolina, and forty-four to Sussex County. Of more importance are the references to burned record counties—fifty-two to Dinwiddie, eight to Gloucester, two to King William and thirty-two to Prince George. Brunswick County lay in the migration path from Tidewater west and south. Among its records lie references to many who remained briefly before moving on and those researchers who take the time to look may well find clues or even answers to their research questions. The multiple indexes provided by Dr. Bradley allow ready access to information whether geographic, first-name, slave or subject.

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Stephen E. Bradley, Jr., *Brunswick County, Virginia, Will Books, Volume 5, 1804-1812* (1998) ii, 153 pp.; full-name index; stapled; softcover; \$25.00 postpaid. See ordering information above.

Wills are one of the first items a researcher looks for—they're the quick way to define a family, yet probate records also provide migration information or collateral lines and inventories provide information on the family's life style and economic status as well as frequently identifying trades or professions. Accounts of sales list family members and neighbors. Slave lists frequently list the names of slaves and sometimes even provide relationships especially between mother and child. All of this is extremely useful information but is not readily accessible since it is almost always unindexed except for the name of the deceased. Dr. Bradley's extensive indexes—full name, women's Christian name, free colored, slave, place name and miscellaneous items—provide access to the data from a number of different points.

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Elaine McKillip, *The Johann Peter Heckman Family of Virginia* (1998) 249 pp.; some illus.; full-name and married name indexes; spiral bound; softcover; \$30.00. Order from **the author, 50 Iceberg Lane, Rocky Mount, VA 24151; 540-483-3933.**

This book traces the numerous descendants of Johann Peter Heckman (1712-1764), a Brethren, who arrived in Philadelphia in 1748 from Hainbrunn in the Odenwald section of Germany. Two of Johann Peter's five sons ultimately settled in the area that became Franklin County, Virginia (created in 1785). His five known daughters have not been researched for inclusion in this volume.

Like many genealogies, this work can best be described as very much a work in progress. Special attention is, however, given to the ancestry of James J. Heckman, who supported the research and is a seventh-generation descendant, and to the Civil War experiences of certain members of the family. If you have a research interest in the Franklin area, this book is certainly worthy of your attention.

DBR



Elizabeth Petty Bentley, *The Genealogist's Address Book*, 4th edition (1998) x, 832 pp.; index; perfect-bound; softcover; \$39.95. Order from **Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 N Calvert Street,**

TIDBITS OF VGS HISTORY

At the end of the first year, Mrs. Helen K. Yates, historian, recorded: "As Virginia is the birthplace of the ancestors of many families scattered all over the world today, it is quite fitting that those interested in genealogy should form an association to discuss the mutual problems that arise in research; as well as to search for and preserve old manuscripts, documents and records pertaining to Virginia. Such an organization was long over-due in forming." Several informal meetings were held in homes, as well as group conversations at the institution then called the State Library. All of the preliminary efforts of these early small group meetings were due to the perseverance of Mrs. Grace Fuller Knowles. With her continued interest and assistance, the Virginia Genealogical Society was founded October 7, 1960, with its first formal meeting being opened in a prayer led by Mr. George L. Eitel.

DID YOU KNOW...

- The first by-laws were adopted by the membership on December 2, 1960, and signed by Mrs. Clyde T. (Josephine Smyth Talley) Earnest, the first VGS President.
- The first members of the Virginia Genealogical Society who, being recommended by two members in writing and approved by the membership committee, paid an initiation fee of \$5.00. Annual dues were \$5.00.
- The first group of officers for the period October 1960 to June 1961, included Mr. George L. Eitel who served as Chaplain. Also serving was Mrs. W. Herbert (Grace Fuller) Knowles, first vice-president; Mrs. John C. (Emma Robertson) Matheny, second vice president; Mrs. Shelby Wayne Arritt, recording secretary; Mrs. William G. (Edwina Warren) Stine, corresponding secretary; Mr. Joseph F. Inman, treasurer; and Mrs. S. Wirt (Helen K.) Yates, historian.
- Meetings open to members were held the first Friday of each month, often in a board room at the Southern Bank and Trust Company, 3201 West Cary Street, Richmond.
- There were 80 charter members, i.e., those who joined before December 31, 1960.
- An insignia was adopted at the May meeting, 1961.
- Beginning in June 1961, the first bimonthly bulletin made its debut under the direction of Colonel R. Bolling Batte, Editor and Chairman of the Publications Committee. That issue of the *Bulletin* was the first in the series of a publication that evolved into the Society's newsletter.

Wes Pippenger

Baltimore, MD 21202-3897; 800-296-6687. Please include \$3.50 shipping.

That its popularity and coverage has increased is attested to by the almost doubling of its size since the first edition. The basic categories remain—national addresses for the various NARA regional branches; other government agencies; vital records offices for each state and national libraries, historical and genealogical societies and independent publications unrelated to geographic regions. These cover only eighteen pages. Over 600 pages detail state archives and libraries with genealogical holdings, historical and genealogical societies, LDS history centers and

independent publications; American trust territories and ethnic and religious organizations and research centers. The final section covers everything else from lineage societies to radio programs and lending libraries. Entries provide addresses, phone numbers, email and webpages, cost of membership, publications and opening and closing times. Any printed list of addresses or phone numbers is out-of-date before it comes off the press. That this one took longer than anticipated is apparent from the ad included by NGS which features the Denver conference held last May and which doesn't include the VGS webpage which has been on-line for almost two years. This volume is a must have for any

TIDBITS OF VGS HISTORY

Our Second Year. Committee activities gained interest, and a top priority of the projects committee was to seek names of persons who once lived or died in Hanover County — an effort to help researchers work around the dearth of public record information caused by the destruction during the Civil War of much of Hanover County's court records. In November 1961, the *Herald-Progress*, Ashland, Virginia, published the Society's appeal to the families of Hanover County who had old family burying plots with tombstones on their property, or who had family Bible records, to contact Mrs. John Matheny of 1718 Glenview Road, or Mrs. Wirt Yates of Route 3, Ellerson.

DID YOU KNOW...

- The VGS special projects committee was responsible for the copying and preserving of a record book kept by the Reverend Robert Wilkins Berry. The valuable record book, owned in 1961 by a grandson Gordon C. Berryman, contains 900 marriages and 678 funerals between 1843 and 1891 in Surry County and three adjoining counties.
- The VGS special projects committee devised, typed, and published an index to W.R. Turner's *Old Homes and Families in Nottoway*.
- The October Bulletin listed names and addresses of 104 members.
- Mail to the Society in 1962 was to be directed to "P.O. Box 53, Richmond 1, Virginia.
- The second year ended with a banquet held at Wright's Country House. Those participating were Messrs. Robert M. Goodman, Frank S. Leake, Charles H. Robertson, John C. Matheny (quartet), Miss Carolyn L. Henshaw (piano solo), Mrs. Doris R. Lansing (a reading), and Miss Amy Sunderlin, accompanist to the quartet and solos by Mr. Charles. H. Robertson.

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library's genealogical collection and a useful addition to most researcher's collection—we found three more societies to join.

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Rockbridge Area Genealogical Society, *Rockbridge County, Virginia, Heritage Book, 1778-1997* (1997) viii, 476 pp.; map; illus; full-name index; Smyth-sewn; hardcover; \$70.00 postpaid. Order from **Rockbridge Heritage Book, PO Box 92, Rockbridge Baths, VA 24473**. Va. residents add \$2.92 sales tax.

Most genealogical publications are a labor of love and this one was obviously no exception. The volume begins with vignettes of early Rockbridge and continues with the histories of twenty-six towns, then moves on to the churches, schools, clubs and organizations, mills, and local businesses. The volume is replete with photographs of these same churches, schools, mills, homes and people. The two together provide the reader

with a picture of life in the county from its beginning to the present. The major portion of the book (over two hundred pages) covers the contributed family histories. Some provide documentation, many do not, but in many cases these histories record first-hand knowledge and tell family stories that will be treasured by later generations. These "Heritage Books" are in many ways typical of the late nineteenth century mug books that provided dates and places of origin for many of our families—information found nowhere else. Today's researchers may well find clues, and family stories submitted by kin they did not know and researchers of the future will be just as grateful as we are for the clues, the family stories and the first-hand information they can find nowhere else. And there's an added plus—it has an every-name index.

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The National Genealogical Conference in the States: 12–15 May 1999

Virginia: Where a Nation Began

National conferences are great fun—two hundred lectures, labs and luncheons— more vendors than you can count and enough new cousins to start another family reunion. Well, maybe we exaggerate a little but...national conferences are fun, you do learn a lot and eventually you will find those cousins. You're interested in family research, especially Virginia research, or you wouldn't be reading this and we've planned a conference for researchers, especially Virginia researchers. Come one, come all! Welcome to Virginia—Where a Nation Began

Migration...

Migrating ancestors—we all have them. Our problem is finding where they came from or even sometimes where they went (with that all important family Bible). Are you looking for European origins? Listen to John Rowlands, Director of family history courses at the University of Wales, who may provide an answer you weren't expecting. Do you know where to look and just need some help? Listen to Eileen O'Duill from Dublin, on Irish research, Dean Hunter, Collection Development specialist, British family history on English records, and Paul Milner, a native of northern England and an expert in Scottish research. They will lead you through the records and provide you with tricks, tips, and sources for finding the European origin of your ancestor. Or if you trying to trace those illusive Germans consult Annette Burgert, an expert in colonial Pennsylvania Germans both here and in Europe. And don't forget to check out the presentations by local experts. Information here often provides the link to over there.

Getting them back to Europe is frequently easier than tracking them once they're here, we start you in New England, take you through Delaware, Pennsylvania and Maryland to Virginia, spread south to the Carolinas and Georgia and westward through Kentucky, Tennessee and West Virginia to the Mississippi and beyond. We'll show you how to use chancery, land, military and tax records to track them north, south or west.

Groups....

People traveled in groups—neighborhood groups or groups created by ethnic origin or religion. Each group created unique records and followed patterns that can help us in our research. Follow the traveling church from Virginia to Kentucky, learn about the 10,000 name petition for religious freedom that may record your ancestor's original signature, look at the French Huguenots, the Scot-Irish, the Germans, the Eastern Cherokees—follow them down the Carolina Road, along the Valley Road or westward via the Wilderness and National roads. But, a word of warning—don't let group labels lead you astray. Slave lawsuits frequently provide as much information about white owners and their families as they do about the slaves, people changed religions, and married into other ethnic groups. Use ethnic records, don't exclude them. Learn what records you can expect to find and even more importantly what information those records may hold from experts in the various areas.

Virginia...

Virginia, from 1607—its military records, its children, its land records, its lost records—researching Virginia is a focus of the conference for Virginians spread from New England to Florida, from the Alleghenies to Texas, California and Oregon. Migration patterns, special record groups and sources, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and North Carolina border research are just a few of the topics covered. And, as a special feature, the Virginia Genealogical Society is providing a special opportunity for conference attendees to see the Virginia Historical Society's exhibit, "The Story of Virginia, An American Experience."

Methodology...

As researchers and historians we work with evidence, we look for it, we evaluate it, we weigh it—it's the keystone of our work. And we begin this conference with a two-hour workshop on evidence featuring Helen F.M. Leary, Elizabeth Shown Mills and Christine Rose. Then, with our foundation in place, we work with specifics from maps through marriage laws and practices to court case files, estate sales and naming patterns. We look at techniques for researching the poor, non-landowning ancestor; for finding birth, marriage and death records before vital records registration; for reconstructing colonial frontier families; for researching the Southern woman and for finding living cousins who may have family records we don't.

The basics and beyond...

Whether you're just beginning or want to learn about or brush up on specific techniques this track will answer your need. From census to social security, from indexes to newspapers and tombstones, from family memorabilia to land records, from research plans to organization to flesh on your ancestor's bones—it's all there—pick and choose or follow the whole track—it's a unique opportunity for education in the many facets of basic genealogical research.

Sources, we have sources...

Where do you look when the county court house doesn't have your ancestor? We have the answer. Sign on for a list that will take you years to finish. Richmond is only an hour and a half from and connected by Amtrak and a shuttle service to the myriad resources in the District of Columbia. Come learn about them first and stay for an extra week. Listen as Tony Burroughs uncovers the hidden land records at NARA, learn the ins and outs of the Southern Claims Commission records (especially those that aren't microfilmed) from Reginald Washington and listen as experts Marie Varrelman Melchiori and Craig Scott and archivists Claire Ptechtel-Kluskens and Kellee Blake take you through some of the charted and uncharted paths to the variety of records at the National Archives.

Or try the unusual, from the records of the deaf and blind to those found in the office of the coroner. Did you know that hundreds of cemeteries are documented in the Tennessee Valley Authority records, that many of Virginia's early records destroyed in a variety of fires are duplicated in the British Public Records Office, that historian's dissertations and historical bibliographies can provide information useful to the genealogists? We could go on, but you get the picture.

And for the family...

There's something for everyone including those tagalong family members who could care less about genealogy. Ship them off to Busch Gardens, King's Dominion, the Fredericksburg battlefields, Jamestown, Monticello and Williamsburg. We'll give you another list if you need more time to research; just stop by our hospitality booth and tell us how long you want to stay. We promise to make your stay so informative and enjoyable that you'll want to come back again and again and again... Welcome to Virginia: Where a Nation Began!

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Brent Howard Holcomb, *Union County, South Carolina, Deed Abstracts, Volume 1: Deed Books, A-F, 1785-1800 [1752-1800]* (1998) ii, 302 pp.; full-name index; Smyth-sewn; hardcover; \$25.00. Order from **Brent H. Holcomb, PO Box 21766, Columbia, SC 29221**. Please include \$3.00 shipping.

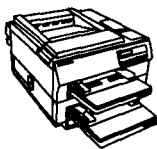
Union County borders the counties of Spartanburg, Laurens, Newberry, York, Fairfield and Chester. Of particular interest to the researcher are the frequent chains of title which appear in these deeds some taking the land back as early as 1752 and to North Carolina (previous to the border surveys between the two states some of this land was in North Carolina). One deed actually references land in Virginia—in 1788 Matthew Sims of Newberry County gave to his son Charles Sims of Union County, 125 acres in Hanover County, Virginia. Tracking migrating ancestors is a difficult task and it is frequently only through references such as these that we are finally able to track them. BVL

William Dollarhide and Donald A. Bremer, *American's Best Genealogy Resource Centers* (1998) 139 pp.; perfect-bound; softcover; \$15.95. Order from **Heritage Quest, P.O. Box 329, Bountiful, UT 84011-0329**. Include \$4.50 for shipping and handling.

List makers are always subject to subjective criticism. So we won't dispute who made the list of "The Top Ten Genealogy Resource Centers in America" and who did not—especially as it constitutes only seven pages of the text. What can be disputed is why so many of the addresses throughout the remaining pages of the volume are both incomplete and dated and why e-mail addresses are totally lacking. As usual with any publication that bears the Dollarhide name, the maps are clear and complete. However, with so many other books on the market today attempting to provide the researcher with basic information on major repositories, more than maps are needed to ensure a place on most bookshelves. DBR



Recent Reprints



Thomas Bruce, *Southwest Virginia and Shenandoah Valley*, (1891, facsimile reprint 1997) 259 pp.; new index; perfect-bound; softcover; \$28.00. Order from **Heritage Books, Inc., 1540E Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, MD 20716**. Price includes postage.

As the title suggests, Bruce's emphasis in part one is on Southwest Virginia; in part two the Upper Valley comes into its own. Throughout the entire work, the overriding theme is the importance of the railroad in explaining the very rapid growth of the Shenandoah Valley from about 1870 to 1890. Relatively little attention is given to the pre-industrial period. However, if you have a research interest in those who built, maintained, or relied upon the railroad during the nineteenth century, you will certainly appreciate the new, every-name index of surnames at the back of the book.

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The following books may be order from **Clearfield Company, Inc., 200 E Eager Street, Baltimore, MD 21202**. Please include \$3.25 postage for the first book and \$1.25 for each additional book.

Robert K. Headley, Jr. *Wills of Richmond County, Virginia, 1699-1800* (1983, reprint 1998) xii, 220 pp.; full-name and place-name index; softcover, perfect-bound; \$24.00. See ordering information above.

Richmond County was created when Old Rappahannock County was divided in 1692. The first will book begins in 1699 and there is evidence (presented in the preface) to suggest that earlier wills were never recorded. The compiler turned to the early order books for the period from 1692-9 to fill in the gap. He found ninety-five entries for wills presented or administrations ordered. Creating abstracts calls for subjective judgments; limiting those abstracts to items of "genealogical interest" adds additional subjectivity. While it would appear that most significant information from the wills is included, inventories are simply noted (an occasional reference to the presenter if a relationship is stated is included.) No sale bills or appraisals were found. The index of place names attests to the importance of this county in following the movement of early Virginians—Amelia, Appomattox, Culpeper, Dinwiddie, Essex and Fairfax counties,

Virginia, Baltimore Co., Maryland, Bristol, Cockermouth and Colchester, England—and we only checked the first column.

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Abbot Emerson Smith, *Colonists in Bondage: White Servitude and Convict Labor in America, 1607-1776* (1947, reprint 1998) viii, 434 pp.; bibliography; index; \$35.00. See ordering information above.

Originally published under the auspices of the Institute of Early American History and Culture, this volume provides the reader with documented information on indentured servitude and convict labor in America. The book begins with a discussion of the process of trading in human cargo. It covers the transportation of convicts (both before and after 1718) and differentiates between the "rogues and vagabonds" and military prisoners. The final portion of the book deals with the indentured servant's life after his arrival. This is not light reading, but it is readable text and will provide a through understanding of the subject. The extensive documentation and bibliography include ample resources for those who wish further reading or who are interested in possible sources which would provide specific names.

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Raymond Parker Fouts, *Vestry Minutes of St. Paul's Parish, Chowan County, North Carolina, 1701-1776*, (1983, reprint 1998), 137 pp.; full-name and location indexes; fold-out map; stapled; 8½ x 11; softcover; \$23.00. Order from **GenRec Books, 1506 Cambridge Drive, Cocoa, FL 32922-6416**. Please include \$2.00 shipping for the first copy and \$.50 for each additional copy.

This volume is one of a series of impeccable transcriptions of important, early North Carolina records. While the text remains rich in detail, the format of this reprint has been thoroughly revamped. Among other things, the transcribed records cover the costs associated with the maintenance of area widows and orphans, the fines imposed for offenses ranging from bastardy to failure to vote, and the disbursements required to bury the poor. The lone map provides approximate locations for nearby chapels and other landmarks that are mentioned in the orders for processing of the lands. All in all, a very nice piece of work.

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Archives News:



As the new year begins, I am pleased to report that 1998 was a very successful year for the archival program at the Library of Virginia.

Visitation figures are not complete, but a total over 150,000 is anticipated. Compare these numbers to 50,000 researchers at our old site and you get a sense of the interest and high degree of activity at the new Library.

The archival reference staff has grown over the last two years from five professional staff to ten. The new members of the staff come from a variety of professional backgrounds and are highly qualified. They each bring new ideas and enthusiasm to their jobs and all share a keen interest in Virginia history and a commitment to outstanding public service.

The growth of the archival holdings is reflected in this newsletter throughout the year. We are particularly pleased that the microfilm collection has grown by over 3,500 reels this year. The majority of the additional film is the product of the Preservation Microfilming Project to reformat significant archival collections. The microfilm collection will continue to grow as the staff continues its work through a long list of projects. Replacement of worn copies of county court record microfilm will get underway in 1999 and may ease some eyestrain for researchers.

The most rewarding change during the past year is in the area of preservation of manuscripts and other materials in the collection. The Library expects to invest \$359,000 toward preservation during 1998-1999 by using a unique public-private partnership with Etherington Conservation Center to operate our state-of-the-art conservation laboratory. Combined with additional funds for artwork restoration and preservation microfilming, the Library's annual conservation-preservation budget now totals \$548,488. In contrast, the budget in 1994 and the decade prior totaled only \$20,000!

The archival collections receive worldwide attention through the Library's site on the World Wide Web. Use of the site grows geometrically each month and my colleagues at other state archives say researchers ask them, "When are you going to start putting archival records on the Web like the Library of Virginia does?" I have appeared on a radio genealogical talk program in Texas three times during the year. On each program callers praise the usefulness of the Library's site. I also traveled to Belgium during the summer to speak to a group of European archivists and librarians about our efforts to digitize our collections. Archivists and

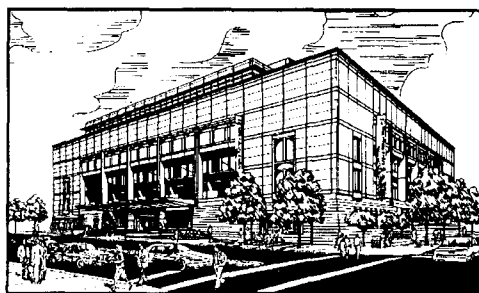
librarians from Lund University in Sweden will visit the Library in 1999 to learn more about our program.

The archival staff is looking forward to 1999 and the opportunity to introduce more researchers to our collection during the National Genealogical Conference in Richmond during May. The greatest reward the staff receives each year for all its hard work is the excitement that comes with the discoveries that our researchers make using the collections at the Library of Virginia.

Best wishes for the New Year.

Conley L. Edwards, State Archivist

Recent Archives Acquisitions



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

- Rickmond Family.** 6 leaves, photocopies. Danville, Virginia, 1871-1963. Includes Bible record (5 leaves), and marriage register and photographs (1 leaf). Other surnames mentioned: Baxley, Carpenter, Eason, Hartan, Klutz, Lineberger, Meyers, Street, Tomlinson and Watson. No. 35237.
- Roberson Family.** 5 leaves, photocopies. Albemarle, Stafford and Rockbridge counties, Bedford, Charlottesville, Lynchburg and Hopewell, Virginia; Ohio and Washington, D.C., 1852-1947. Other surnames mentioned: Brown, Greer, Prease, Stephenson, Wheeler and Veil. No. 35232.

Rudisill Family. 7 leaves, photocopies. 1781-1813. Bible printed in 1714. Other surnames mentioned: Digges and Martin. No. 35320.

Smith Family. 8 leaves, photocopies. Albemarle County, Virginia, 1867-1921. Family Bible of James Walker Goss. Other surnames mentioned: Crickenberger, Goss, Norford and Priddy. No. 35298.

Cemetery Records

Lunenburg County. 89 pages, photocopies. Additional tombstone inscriptions from private cemeteries located in Lunenburg County, Virginia. Compiled by Gerald D. Reinders. Also includes an updated index. This accession is filed with Accession No. 35086. No. 35336.

Fowlkes Family. 9 leaves, photocopies. Notes. Descendants of William Fowlkes (d. ca 1834), of Nottoway County, Virginia. Includes a will and letter. No. 35208.

"Glad You Asked That..."

Q: A number of Virginia counties are now extinct, as their former government structure has been absorbed by another: These include Elizabeth City (now the city of Hampton), Norfolk (now the city of Chesapeake), Nansemond (the independent city of Nansemond, and in 1974 merged with the city of Suffolk), and Warwick (now the city of Newport News). Can these be reconstituted or recreated within the Commonwealth?

A: I am not aware of any historical provision or current restriction that prohibits former county names from being reconstituted and in fact we have had such an event more than more once, for example, (Old) Rappahannock County became extinct in 1692, a second Rappahannock County was formed from Culpeper in 1833. It is also possible for some government entities, such as independent cities, to seek and under certain conditions be granted reversion to their former status, that is an independent city such as Charlottesville could become a part of Albemarle County again. I regret that I cannot point you to a legal citation that would provide additional information.

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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.**

LEFTWICH: Seek names and addresses of 17th and 18th century cemeteries in that part of King and Queen Co that was formerly New Kent Co. **Bernard L. Trippett, 417 Canterbury Dr., Kettering, OH 45429.**

MERCER, NOTTINGHAM: Seek info on Joseph Mercer, b 1770, m Comfort Nottingham 1790 Frederick Co. Seek info/pars of Comfort. Also, seek info on Joseph's pars, Robert Mercer and Elizabeth Brown. Willing to corresp. **Bryan L. Mercer-A011910, CCA-WTDF-PO Box 509, Mason, TN 38049.**

LANDIS/LANDERS: Seek info/moth of Daniel Landis, b 1792 Franklin Co, to Henry P. Landis and Susanna _?_. Seek info on Susanna's pars and on Daniel's wife, Sophrony "Fanny" Landers, b 1793 Franklin Co. Also, seek info on Fanny's pars. Willing to corresp. **Bryan L. Mercer-A011910, CCA-WTDF-PO Box 509, Mason, TN 38049.**

Georgetown University students, ca 1878. Joseph Tynan, Paul Robert Randolph, Thomas Morsell, John Joyce, John Herlihy, William Manning Greenwell, William D. Burns and Frances Aylmer, all b ca 1860, Catholic, several were from VA. One "went west" ca 1880, never heard from again. Which one? What happened to the others? **Norman Peters, Box 21117, Washington DC, 20009. nathj@aol.com**

CALLAHAN, MACE: Seek info on James Callahan b ca 1763 probably in NC, m Elizabeth Mace ca 1787, d after 1790 NC. Son, Robert Callahan, b 1789 Iredell Co, NC, probably others. James was in the Rev War.

Barbara Helwick, PO Box 50345, Casper, WY 82605-0345.

CALLAHAN, WASSON: Seek info on James Callahan b ca 1754 Ireland, m Mary Wasson, d ca 1825. Ch: James b 1791, m Paninah Snow; William; Margaret "Peggy;" Mary "Polly;" Eliza. James Sr. was in the Rev War. **Barbara Helwick, PO Box 50345, Casper, WY 82605-0345.**

HIGGINBOTHAM: Seek evidence that Aaron Higginbotham, b 1772 Amherst Co, who immigrated to Elbert Co, GA, ca 1795, and then to Franklin Co, MS, ca 1816, was the son of Caleb Higginbotham. Caleb son of Benjamin Higginbotham Sr and gr-son of John and Frances Riley Higginbotham. All of Albemarle/Amherst cos. **Winton Cain, 1200 Briarcliff Rd., Warner Robins, GA 31088.**

ROBERTSON: Seek to corresp with descs of Field Robertson who served as probate security for the will of Allen Criddle, written 1777 in Cumberland Co, probated 1778. Who were his pars? Whom did he marry? **Agnes J. Ranseen, 1020 Grove St., Apt 102, Evanston, IL 60201.**

McCORMICK, ANDERSON: Seek pars of George McCormick (d northern IN 1864) and Phebe Anderson, m ca 1810 maybe Frederick Co, lived OH and KY, then Frederick Co again after 1825. Ch: Mary Ann; Willoughby; John; Sarah Jane; Phebe d 1830/40 Frederick Co, Ga; third boy. **David Lawrence, 118 Briar Cliff Rd., Durham, NC 27707.**

VOWLES, FIELDS/FIELD: Seek info families: James Vowles m Ann Field/Fields 1781 Fauquier Co. Seek pars of Ann Field Vowles. Where were they b? James d 1815, Ann d 1851. Last known address was Warrenton, VA, where she received a pension from War Dept. Some moved to Booneville, MO. **Jimmie Lois Caton Jones, 258 Catherine Heights Rd., Hot Springs, AR 71901.**

Exchange: **CATON, LAURIE/LOWERY:** Catherine Vowles m Joseph Laurie 1804 Fauquier Co. Seek info on Joseph Laurie. Catherine d 1851 Booneville, MO. Thomas Caton m Elizabeth Laurie/Lowery 1828 Fauquier Co. William Caton m Annfield Laurie/Lowery 1829 Fauquier Co. They were daus of Joseph and Catherine Laurie. **Jimmie Lois Caton Jones, 258 Catherine Heights Rd., Hot Springs, AR 71901.**

MASON: Seek info on Philip Mason and fam. His will written/recorded Fairfax Co 1779, left land in Pr Wm Co to wife, Letice, and five unnamed ch. Other land left to sons: Daniel Jenkinson Mason, Nathaniel, Philip

and Francis Mason. Who was 5th ch? Was it Letice Deakins? **Ruth L. Dunlap, 111 Division St., Mendota, IL 61342.**

HOAK/HOKE/HOOK/HAWK, BURGNER: Seek pars of Jacob Hoak/Hoke b 1770-75, m Catharine Burgner 1796 Shenandoah Co. Was William Hoke/Hook/Howke of 1782-85 Shenandoah Co tax lists, or one of the Hook/Hawk/Hoak etc. in Rockingham Co fath of Jacob Hoke/Hoak and Andrew Hoak? **Ruth L. Dunlap, 111 Division St., Mendota, IL 61342.**

LOGUE: Seek any info on Samuel Logue who settled in Augusta Co in 1756 on the tributaries of the Cowpasture River, also Botetourt Co in 1804. Not sure who settled in Botetourt Co. I would appreciate any info you can give. **Marian Logue Rogers, 1916 W. 1st. Ext., Boone, IA 50036.**

HOLT: James Holt 1790 Census 96th Dist. Edgefield, SC: males: 16 and up, 3; under 16, 2; females, 4; John b 1771 m Mitchell _?_, both b VA; Joseph b 1780 probably VA, m Nancy Munday b SC; James (H?) Jr; two other sons Philip? and Bailey? Females unknown. Seek VA location. **Mavis Holt Williams, 277 Pietsch Rd., Ringgold, LA 71068-2831.**

HOLT: James Holt m in VA. Where? Seek to make connection. James lived on Turkey Creek in SC. Sold land 1809 to Littleberry Mitchell. Sons John and Joseph went through Harris Co, GA, to Chambers Co, AL, and d 1853 and 1856 respectively. **Mavis Holt Williams, 277 Pietsch Rd., Ringgold, LA 71068-2831.**

Query Abbreviations

<i>aft</i> = after	<i>g</i> = grand
<i>ancs</i> = ancestor(s)	<i>gg</i> = great grand
<i>bef</i> = before	<i>h/o</i> = husband of
<i>bp</i> = birthplace	<i>info</i> = information
<i>b</i> = born	<i>m</i> = married
<i>bro</i> = brother(s)	<i>m1, m2, etc.</i> =
<i>bur</i> = buried	<i>married 1st,</i>
<i>ca</i> = circa	<i>married 2nd...</i>
<i>ch</i> = child(ren)	<i>moth</i> = mother
<i>Co</i> = county	<i>par</i> = parent(s)
<i>cos</i> = counties	<i>poss</i> = possibly
<i>d</i> = died	<i>prob</i> = probably
<i>dau</i> = daughter	<i>sib</i> = sibling(s)
<i>decd</i> = deceased	<i>sis</i> = sister(s)
<i>desc</i> = descendant	<i>s/o</i> = son of
<i>dp</i> = death place	<i>wid</i> = widow
<i>d/o</i> = daughter of	<i>w/1, w/2, etc.</i> = wife
<i>fam</i> = family	<i>one, wife two...</i>
<i>fath</i> = father	<i>w/o</i> = wife of

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