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## Virginia's Treasure House Needs Your Help

In the January-February 1994 issue of this newsletter we wrote an article on the need for increased funding for the preservation and storage of Virginia's records. We asked for your help in contacting members of the legislature and the governor's office to request increased funding. You responded and as was reported in our last newsletter that funding has increased. However, **there is still a tremendous need.**

The backlog of still-unprocessed materials currently totals more than 17,186 cubic feet—or more than **25,779,000 manuscript pages**—as well as more than 238,600 photographs, prints, lithographs, engravings and posters and many thousands of volumes, pamphlets and other printed materials.

With the present resources, the Library of Virginia will require **54 years** to complete the processing and preservation of these collections.

With the addition of 17 full-time positions, the Library of Virginia can process materials at a rate of 904 cubic feet—or 1,356,789 manuscript pages—per year. This would allow the backlog of materials to be processed within 19 years. **Required annual funding for these positions and the archival- and library-quality supplies and conservation services to stabilize, protect and house the processed collection is \$787,943.**

**Please call, write, email your legislators and ask that they support the additional annual funding necessary to provide for the additional positions.** Out-of-state members can also write, express their concern and remind legislators and the governor that Virginia's records draw visitors from across the United States and consequently provide more tourist dollars for the state.



The mailing address for members of the Virginia House of Delegates during the session which begins January 13, 1998, is The Honorable (name of delegate), House of Delegates, PO Box 406, Richmond, VA 23218.

The address for members of the Senate is The Honorable (name of senator), 910 Capitol Street, Richmond, VA 23219.

If you don't know the names of your legislators your local librarian can help you find this information. You can also visit the Senate web page <http://senate.state.va.us> which provides information including phone numbers for members of the legislature.

Please also send a copy to the governor's office and to members of the Senate Finance Committee (see page 2).

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### Virginia's Treasure House Needs Your Help, (cont'd from page 1)

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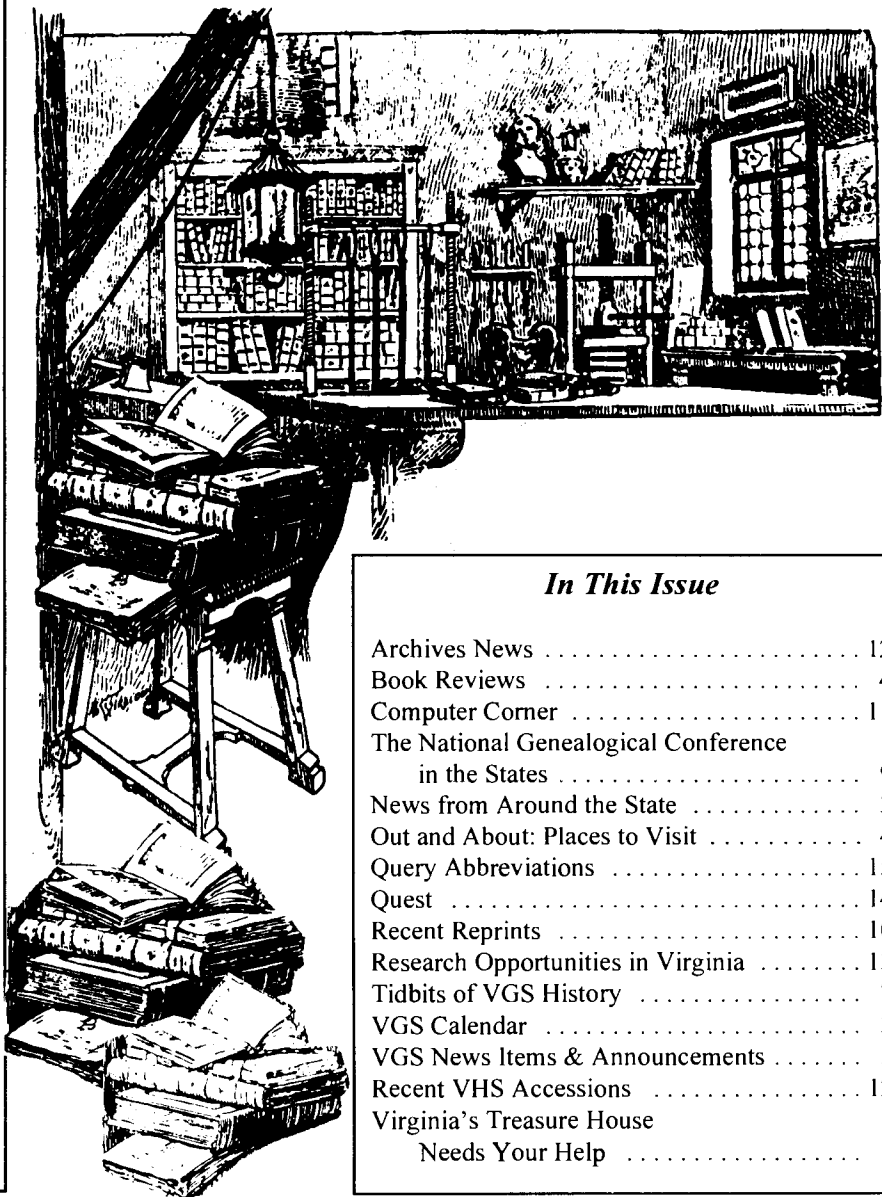
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## VGS News Items & Announcements

**Help Wanted:** Volunteers are needed to help with the NGS conference, 12–15 May 1999. Please see box on page 5 for specifics.

**B**oard member Mary Kegley has established a web site at [dnai.com/~skegley/KegleyBooks/index](http://dnai.com/~skegley/KegleyBooks/index)

**T**he Society wishes to welcome the following new members:

### Life Member:

Mrs. Emerson D. Baugh, Jr, Kenbridge, Va.

### Patron:

Barbara Wyche, Richmond, Tex.

### Friends:

Mary Heath Case, Fair Oaks, Calif.  
Mr. & Mrs. F. C. Johnston, Jr., Richmond, Va.  
Carl E. & Maria, Moore, Chicago, Ill.  
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph G. Roop, Richmond, Va.  
David J. Temple, Carrollton, Tex.

### New Members:

Clarksville-Montgomery County Public Library, Clarksville, Tenn.  
South Bay Cities Genealogical Society, Torrance, Calif.  
Rachel Equils Basso, Richmond, Va.  
Rosanna L. Benchoach, Richmond, Va.  
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**T**he Society wishes to acknowledge with gratitude recent contributions to the **Virginia Records Fund** from the following:

Anonymous, in memory of Richard Slatton  
Dorothy H. Amis, Bainbridge Island, Wash.  
Mrs. Hunter B. Andrew, San Angelo, Tex.  
John A. Arness, Farmington, Maine,  
in memory of Martha Ann Agee Bondurant  
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## VGS Calendar

### 1999

NGS Conference in the States

Date: May 12–15  
Place: Richmond, Virginia

Fall Conference

Date: October 9  
Place: Richmond, Virginia  
Theme: *Fleshing Out Your Ancestor's Bones*

### 2000

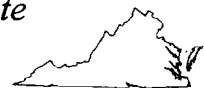
Virginia Institute of Genealogical Research (VIGR)

Date: August 6–10  
Place: Roslyn, Richmond, Virginia

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

Gerald Gilliam, Red Oak, Va.  
Theodore Murphy, Charlottesville, Va.,  
in memory of Mary Catherine Murphy  
Jean Ridgeway, Nathalie, Va.  
Mary Barnes Steinhagen, McLean, Va.

## News From Around the State



The December issue of *Diggin' for Davises* features articles on three Virginia Davis families: Henry Davis of Lancaster County (1700s) a continuation; Abel Davis (1760/70–1847) of Hardy County, (West) Virginia; Lewis Davis (d. 1747) of Albemarle County and Joseph Davis (1735–1790) of Isle of Wight. Contact **Diggin' for Davises**, 10512 Lower Azusa Road #162, El Monte, CA 91731-1209. Website: <http://www.greenheart.com/rdietz>

**A** reminder: Don't forget the **Prince William County Genealogical Society's Ancestors Ball**, and Scottish Heritage and Genealogical and Historical Resource Fairs beginning Friday, 7 May, with Monday and Tuesday for research before coming to the NGS Conference in Richmond. For more information visit their web page at [www.rootsweb.com/~vapwccgs/pwccgs.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~vapwccgs/pwccgs.htm) or contact Louisa at [weezie90@juno.com](mailto:weezie90@juno.com) or Suzanne, 703-257-1625.

**T**he **Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society** in Dayton recently received a Bible record beginning with the marriage of William Lilly and Nancy Frye's marriage in 1823. This excellent regional research facility was host to the Virginia Genealogical Society's 1998 fall conference.

It has an extensive collection of local area and family histories. Stop in on your way to Richmond this May. You'll be glad you did.

**The Davies Family Organization** (Nicholas Davies, fl 1737, of Albemarle) has an interesting, extremely well-done newsletter which is free to family members. Contact **Robert W. Chope, 229 Oak Hill Drive, Hatboro, PA 19040.**

**"Timelines in Genealogy: Focusing Your Search for Faster Results"** will be presented by Don Wilson at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, January 28, at the Bull Run Regional Library. The program is free. Interested individuals may register by calling 703-792-4540.

The fall issue (vol 25:3) of *Bluegrass Roots* has an article on the **descendants of Thomas Marston** born ca. 1742 in Middlesex County, Virginia, married ca. 1765 (Culpeper County) Frances Hudson, daughter of David Hudson and Keziah Plunkett. *Bluegrass Roots* is the quarterly journal of the Kentucky Genealogical Society, PO Box 153, Frankfort, KY 40602; <http://members.aol.com/bharney2/bh3.htm>.

The Loudoun Genealogical Society is continuing the publication of the **baptismal records of the Saint Paul Lutheran Church** in its newsletter *Loudoun: The 1757 Legacy*. Membership in the society is ten dollars a year. **Loudoun County Genealogy Society, PO Box 254, Leesburg, VA 20178.**

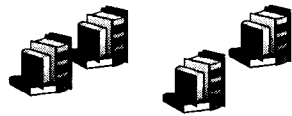
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### *Out and About: Places to Visit*

The **Botetourt County Museum in Fincastle** now has eight rooms filled with historical displays. Contact the Botetourt County Historical Society, Inc., PO Box 468, Courthouse Square, Fincastle, VA 24090-0468; [ehonts@aol.com](mailto:ehonts@aol.com); or 540-473-8394 (voice mail).

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### *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.

Fairfax Genealogical Society, *Fairfax County, Virginia, Gravestones, Vol. 5, Eastern Section: Fort Belvoir, Lincolnia, Lorton, Mason Neck, South Alexandria and Surrounding Areas* (1998) xviii, 504 pp.; maps; full-name index; perfect-bound; softcover; \$30.00. Order from the **Fairfax Genealogical Society, PO Box 2290, Merrifield, VA 22116-2290.** Please include \$3.00 for shipping. Va. residents add 4.5% sales tax.

The Fairfax Genealogical Society published its first volume of cemetery records in 1994, this volume completes the survey of the county's cemeteries. A sixth volume containing additions, corrections and a master index is scheduled for publication in 1999. Positioned as it is in a major metropolitan area, the collection of tombstone data is vitally important. While even the most isolated areas are faced with neglect, vandalism and deliberate destruction for economic purposes, urban areas suffer these and other destruction on a much larger scale. The basis for this work is a survey conducted by society member Jane Kirkpatrick Wall over twenty years ago. During the ensuing years many of the gravestones and some of the cemeteries she surveyed have disappeared. It is due to her work that any record of them survive. During the next twenty years others will disappear, their records will survive due to the hard work and dedication of the Fairfax cemetery angels. [We hope that others will look at these accomplishments and "go thou and do likewise."] Members of the Fairfax Society enjoy a twenty percent discount on publications. Membership information is available at <http://www.fxgs.org/> or 888-828-4121.



Marthe Arends, *Genealogy Software Guide* (1998) 269 pp.; illus.; index; perfect-bound; softcover; \$24.95. Available from **Genealogical Publishing Company, 1001 North Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202; 800-296-6687.** Please add \$3.50 for shipping. Maryland residents add 5% sales tax; Michigan, 6%.

As the title suggests, Marthe Arends's latest publication provides reviews, meticulous reviews, of the numerous, major (IBM compatible) software programs which are currently supported—including commercial and shareware software as well as utilities. Each review is organized in the same manner in order to facilitate easy comparison. Since the author addresses a number of the fundamental issues associated with the on-going and changing relationship between genealogical research and the computer, it is a work for both the novice and the expert. The clearly written text is augmented by numerous and appropriate illustrations, including charts, sample reports and screen shots to give the reader a

better feel for what the various programs can actually provide in a way that is nearly impossible for mere narration to convey. This is a seminal book that you need to get quickly and use immediately. The nature of the subject matter guarantees that Arends's work will be revised and/or supplanted in the near future. DB-R



Carol Thompson Phillips, *Engagements and Marriages from the Prince William County, Virginia, Manassas Gazette and Manassas Journal, 1885-1910* (1998) 198 pp.; full-name index; perfect-bound; softcover; \$16.50. Order from **Family Line Publications, 65 East Main Street, Westminster, MD 21157; 800-876-6103**. Please include \$3.00 shipping for the first book and .50 for each additional item. UPS delivery is an additional \$2.00. Maryland residents add 5% sales tax.

By 1885 marriage and engagement announcements frequently provided details of the wedding and members of the wedding party, plans for wedding trips and later residences. As is typical of newspapers, interests of their readers and not county boundaries determined who was included. A random sample finds parties from Covington, Culpeper, Fauquier, Hampton-Sydney, Loudoun, Orange, Prince William, Rappahannock, Rockingham and Washington, D.C. Engagements, lists of licenses and announcements of marriage comprise the bulk of the extractions which appear to be complete transcriptions rather than abstracts. The announcements are presented in alphabetical order by both bride and groom so that each entry is presented twice. All individuals are listed in the index; however, the bride is indexed only by her maiden name. BVL



The following books may be ordered from **Heritage Books, Inc., 1540E Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, MD 20716; 800-398-7709**. Please include \$4.00 for shipping. Maryland residents add 5% sales tax.

Kenneth Fischer Craft, Jr., *Ohio County (West Virginia) Index, Volume 2, Index to County Court Order Books, 1777-1881, Part 2, Plus Gazetteer & Map Book* (1998) 254 pp.; illus.; maps; ccxliii pp. every name "time line" index; perfect-bound; softcover; \$69.00.

As the extended title of Craft's most recent publication indicates, this is really two books in one. The first section consists of the indexes to the Ohio County Court Order Books as originally done during the 1930s.

## Volunteers Needed!!

### Please help!

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11-15 May 1999

Volunteers are needed to help with the

Ask Me volunteers  
Lecture room proctors  
VGS booth in vendor area  
Hospitality booth  
Registration

For more information or to sign up contact

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Colonial Heights, VA 23834  
804-526-7866 (evenings)

or drop an email to VGS and we'll forward  
[vagensoc@erols.com](mailto:vagensoc@erols.com)

Given the location of Ohio County in 1777, when it was a Virginia county, at the intersection of several migration trails and including the present-day counties of Ohio, Brooke, Hancock, Marshall, Wetzel, and Tyler and parts of Doddridge and Pleasants in West Virginia, the worth of this compilation is obvious. If you are researching an individual or a family that settled in or passed through this area, you will want to pay particular attention to the Revolutionary War pensions and all of the recorded "road orders" that appear in part one. The latter are especially interesting and surprisingly complete. As many individuals typically worked to maintain the roads very near where they lived, both before and after the modification of the Code of Virginia in 1849, these records should allow careful researchers to reconstruct the neighborhoods in which their families lived, worked and married. Unfortunately, as reproduced by Craft, the font is small and hard to read in part one. The second portion of Craft's work is different. It consists of numerous pages of maps from various sources and a wonderfully complete and easy-to-use index. The font is easy to read; and the organization of the material is above reproach. The maps and the "road

orders" truly compliment each other and it is most appropriate that they be published together. DB-R

Sherida K. Eddleman, *Kentucky Genealogical Records & Abstracts, Volume 2: 1796-1839* (1998); ii, 219 pp.; surname index; perfect-bound; softcover; \$22.50.

To state the obvious: Kentucky was a part of Virginia until 1792, when it entered the union as the fifteenth state. Many of the earliest arrivals came through or from Virginia. As in volume one, Eddleman has gleaned genealogical information on these early settlers from an array of diverse sources, including tax and property lists, marriage registers, cemetery and church records, wills and estate inventories, mortality schedules, Negro censuses, military pension lists and many other others. The resulting accumulation of information has been arranged alphabetically by twenty-two counties with a large miscellaneous section at the end which includes information from out-of-state sources. The original spelling fortunately has been retained throughout. The only thing that has been lost is the context in which the information originally appeared. As always, the researcher would be well advised to use this compilation as an index and consult the original records whenever possible. DB-R



Carlton M. Dillard, *Fielding Dillard (1771-1818) of Spotsylvania County, Virginia, and Oglethorpe County, Georgia, and Descendants* (1997) xiv, 432 pp.; illus.; full-name index; Smyth-sewn; cloth. For price and ordering information contact **the author, 714 Gary Dr., Augusta, GA 30904.**

While acknowledging both the contributions of many other researchers and the potential problems associated with the numbering system employed, Carlton M. Dillard has meticulously organized a wealth of Dillard family information and makes it readily available for the first time. The earliest member of the family who can be adequately documented is Fielding Dillard who was likely a grandson of Nicholas Dillard and the youngest son of Thomas Dillard (1706-1774) and his second wife Sarah Mason, who died about 1779. After the death of his mother, Fielding came to be associated with Halifax County, Virginia, before permanently settling in Georgia during the winter of 1804. Throughout the volume, the compiler, who obviously views his publication as very much a work in progress, clearly identifies individuals in need of additional research. DB-R



Alice Roberts Fobister, *My Ancestors and Related Families: Virginia and Kentucky Descendants and Pedigrees* (1998) iv, 378 pp.; full-name index; spiral-bound; softcover; \$40.00 postpaid. Order from **the compiler, Mrs. Alice R. Fobister, 35 Priorslee Lane, Williamsburg, VA 23185.**

In this hodgepodge of family charts, record abstracts and maps one will find presented, among others, the Virginia families of Blackwell and Downing (Northumberland County), Crump (Lancaster, New Kent and Westmoreland counties), Roberts (Stafford, Culpeper and Jefferson counties), Travers (Lancaster County), Sams (Spotsylvania County), Scott (Orange and Madison counties), and Pierce, McGuinn and Newton (Caroline County). Organization and presentation is a bit cumbersome, as the work is comprised of primarily descendant and pedigree charts. Few sources are cited, but those that are mentioned are often transcribed or reproduced. WEP



Dorothy Neblett Perkins, *Hopson: A Genealogy* (1998) xii, 572 pp.; full-name index; Smyth-sewn; cloth; \$75 postpaid. Order from **the author, P.O. Box 675696, Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067-5696.**

Most Americans should become suspicious when reading a genealogy book that starts with a coat of arms, as many cannot legitimately claim such association. Although the Hobson/Hopson coat of arms is presented here, the compiler notes, "Although I believe our William Hobson immigrated to Virginia in 1674, I have not located his family in England nor have I found that he descended from a Grantee of Arms. So our 'right to bear arms' is not proven." The compiler presents "stray" Hobsons found in several Virginia counties, and continues her discussion with the family of William Hobson (c1651-1732) of Henrico County.

Record sources for major points are cited in footnotes, although many citations are incomplete. For instance, we find "Hobson was a planter and Constable of Henrico County 1688-91," with a reference of "Manuscript notes made by W.G. Stanard relating to Henrico County, Virginia. In Archives, Virginia State Library, p. 5." I doubt that many researchers could find the reference. Some general statements are made without reference to source material.

These issues set aside, the work is nicely organized and presented. Introductory comments explain the general numbering system and structure, and remarks in the Foreword note that no genealogy is ever complete. Sometimes mere clues such as those included here will be the greatest value to future researchers. WEP

## TIDBITS OF VGS HISTORY

During the third year in VGS history, 1962–1963, membership was primarily composed of those residing in the Richmond area. Monthly membership meetings were held in the Southern Bank Building and typically featured noted speakers on a topic in their area of expertise. Having been elected the third VGS President, Herbert R. Collins, of Arlington, was re-elected to serve a second term.

### DID YOU KNOW...

The Projects Committee transcribed and indexed for publication the marriage records found in the registers of the Reverend John Cameron and Bath Parish. Copies were sold for \$3.00 each.

The first Quarterly Bulletin, Vol. I No. 1, made its debut in January 1963, with James McCreery Baylor, Editor. The *Bulletin* began featuring genealogical queries from members in good standing.

President Collins, of Green Falls, Caroline County, announced his plans to donate to Caroline County government an original painting of Caroline Ansbach, queen consort of King George II of England, he purchased at auction.

As the State Library had no genealogist on its staff, the time and genealogical research talents of Grace Fuller Knowles were in high demand. A newspaper article about genealogical research noted she could be frequently found in research rooms while validating applications for membership to the Colonial Dames, Jamestowne Society, or Daughters of the American Revolution.

Pins of 10K gold with the VGS emblem were sold at \$8.00 each.

Speakers for monthly meetings included:

- ★ Herman R. Friis, Washington, D.C., on historical geography of migration of people in the U.S. before 1870
- ★ Dr. John Insley Coddington, Bordentown, N.J., on migration patterns of our ancestors after they arrived in America
- ★ John Frederick Dorman, on genealogical research in Kentucky
- ★ Raymond B. Clarke, Jr., on Maryland and Delaware genealogy with ties in Virginia
- ★ Grace Fuller Knowles, lead a panel discussion of colonial and current conundrums, queries, and conjectives concerning genealogical research in Virginia; and
- ★ Mrs. S. Henry Jorg, spoke at the third annual dinner meeting, June 14, 1963, on the life and exploits of Daniel Morgan, an officer under George Washington.

Wes Pippenger

Angela M. Ruley, *Rockbridge Researcher's Handbook* (1998) 182 pp.; selected subject index; perfect-bound; softcover; \$30.00. Order from **Root Cellar, 87 Tally Ho Lane, Natural Bridge, VA 24578; 540-463-5749**. Please add \$3.00 shipping for the first book, and \$1.00 for each additional copy.

Despite what the title suggests, this is a book for anyone interested in getting started in Virginia genealogy. Only a small portion of the volume pertains to Rockbridge County exclusively. The numerous lists

which make up a large portion of the handbook include good basic information, despite the fact that quite a number of the addresses listed for state organizations and agencies are obviously gleaned from outdated sources—including those for the Library of Virginia and the Virginia Genealogical Society. On-line sources and the computer in general are merely alluded to in the introduction. The author indicates that she anticipates that this work will be revised in the future and encourages constructive criticism. DB-R

Holly Wanless Cochran, *Abstracts of Bath County, Virginia, Will Books 5 and 6, 1843–1875* (1998) 282 pp.; full-name index; perfect-bound; softcover; \$25.00. Order from **Hollyhock Press, 1660 Peachey Road, Ashland, OR 97520**. Please include \$3.00 for shipping.

Created from portions of Augusta, Botetourt and Greenbrier counties, Bath County contributed to the counties of Alleghany, Highland, Pendleton and Pocahontas. The compiler has carefully detailed what she did and did not include in the abstracts in her introduction. Users should find the glossary and description of the probate process also helpful. Researchers should be aware of the fact that while two statements made in the introduction may be true for Bath County, they are not true for all other Virginia counties. Original wills were retained by many counties and some of these, notably those of Spotsylvania and Orange counties, have been microfilmed. Typically inventories and appraisals were separate documents and both were not necessarily made for every estate—an inventory listed the decedent's property, an appraisal provided the appraiser's estimate of the value of the individual items. Individuals who made these inventories and appraisals were appointed by the court and were frequently neighbors and sometimes relatives. The compiler has obviously worked hard to create a product that would be useful to the researcher and has certainly succeeded. In addition to a complete index of names cross-indexed to the maiden names of women, decedent, heir, place name and slave indexes are included. Attesting to the movement of individuals in and out of the county is the fact that twenty-four states and Spain are found in the place-name index. We look forward to further compilations on this area. BVL



Thomas E. Spencer, *Where They're Buried* (1998) iv, 627 pp.; perfect bound; softcover; \$55.00. Available from **Clearfield Company, Inc., 200 East Eager Street, Baltimore, MD 21202**; Please include \$3.50 shipping for first book, \$1.25 for each additional book. Maryland residents add 5% sales tax; Michigan, 6%.

This is a big book—filled with lists of “prominent” people buried all over the United States during the last and the present century. Lists of architects and where they are buried; lists of assassins and where they are buried; lists of naval officers and governors; lists of Confederate commanders; and lists of .... You name the category and it's probably represented. Genealogists may find it to be a particularly helpful book. Let's say that the name Dewitt Clinton appears repeatedly as a given name in a family. Did a previously unknown individual with the surname of Dewitt or Clinton marry into the family?

Or, did the family have a particular political affiliation? an admiration for an event? A dedication to a cause? an association with a region of the country? A book such as *Where They're Buried* may be able to offer some clues. In case you didn't know, Dewitt Clinton (1769–1844) was a popular governor and senator from the state of New York. Unfortunately, the scope and organization of the material precludes an index of any sort. DB-R



Stephen W. Worrel, *Kenton County, Kentucky, Marriages, 1840–50* (1997) 153 pp.; full-name index; Smyth-sewn; hardcover. For ordering information contact the **author, PO Box 6010, Falls Church, VA 22040**.

Formed in 1840 from Campbell County which was created in 1792, Kenton County bordered on the Ohio River was easily accessed by numerous immigrants moving up and down the river as well as the many Germans across the river in Cincinnati. Many researchers are unaware that Kenton had two court-houses and consequently two marriage books. This book brings together the marriages recorded in both court-houses and the loose records now housed at the Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives in Frankfort. The over 1400 marriage records provide the names of the bride and groom, the date of the bond or marriage, the bondsmen and an occasional consent. BVL



Michal Martin Farmer, *Elbert County, Georgia, Deed Books S–W, 1820–1835* (1998) 424 pp.; maps; every-name index; Smyth-sewn; hardcover; \$40.00. Order from **Michal Martin Farmer, P.O. Box 140880, Dallas, Texas 75214-0880; 214-324-4508**. Postpaid. Texas residents add 8¼ % sales tax.

As always, Michal Martin Farmer has abstracted and indexed his material with meticulous care. For example, the 73-page index includes every name and item included in the deed books. The records of Elbert County, Georgia, begin in 1790 when the county was created from Wilkes County, which in turn was created in 1777 from land ceded in 1773 by the Creek and Cherokee Indians. The region drew settlers from Virginia from an early date. The Virginia counties of Amherst, Bedford, Franklin, Greenville, Louisa, Madison and Monroe are mentioned in Farmer's most recent work, as is the city of Staunton. If you are on the trail of an ancestor who went to Georgia, Elbert County and the publications of Farmer might be a good place to begin your search. DB-R

## The National Genealogical Society's Conference in the States 12-15 May 1999

National conferences are fun and great learning experiences. Most people know about the lectures, but there's more—a great deal more.

### The computer labs...

In her article in the *National Genealogical Society Newsletter* (July/August 1998), "I Attended a National Conference, WOW!" Beverly Przybylski said she enrolled in a computer lab to make up her mind about whether or not she wanted to buy a particular computer



program. Others frequently want a little help when they first begin to use a new program and experts outside of large metropolitan areas are hard to find.

Consequently, during this conference participants will have the opportunity to enroll in computer labs featuring two of the major land platting programs, Black Oak Mapper and DeedMapper (see review in Computer Corner), a PERSI lab taught by Curt Witcher from Fort Wayne Library (the creator of the original index) who will show you how best to take advantage of this marvelous tool, the genealogical organization tool Clooz™ (don't we all need this) and SKY Index (you are going to write that book aren't you?).

Just need some help with some of those marvelous things computers can do? Try "All About E-mail" taught by Barbara Renick, the digital imaging labs (learn to scan maps, photos, etc.) taught by *NGS/CIG Digest* editors Carla and Dennis Ridenour or learn to build your own web page in Richard Wilson's lab on "Creating Personalized Web Pages" and let the genealogical world bring your answers to you. Then there's the Web—it's a big wide wonderful world—but it can be intimidating. Try taking your first step under the guidance of a web expert, in the Library of Virginia's state-of-the-art, Internet lab with Barbara Renick, author of *The Internet for Genealogists, A Beginner's Guide*, or if you know your way around but would like to learn

some tricks to searching the web sign up for the advanced course.

And, of course, we'll have the usual labs which provide training for beginners and more advanced users in the major genealogical programs, *Family Tree Maker*, *Legacy*, *Master Genealogist*, *Personal Ancestral File* and *Ultimate Family Tree*.

### Specialities...

Are you interested in family health history or the integration of genealogy in education? Are you a professional genealogist? There's a day-long track for each of these. And, of course, there are other special topics from photography to used books, from family associations to researching in the 21<sup>st</sup> century or applying to that lineage society with all its rules and regulations.

### Social events...

Mix and mingle with individuals who share your interests at a variety of luncheons—you get a good meal, don't have to stand in line, meet new friends and get to enjoy another lecture. Come to the banquet and learn about the father of our country and more importantly about his family and their interest in genealogy. You may also learn a few new tricks from the someone who's spent years researching George Washington.

### Society Fair...

Want to know what organizations exist (and more importantly what they have to offer) in that new county you're researching. Visit the various society tables and chat with the people who live there and know the records. Make friends, learn new sources and add to that growing list of organizations to which you belong. And, don't forget to make sure your society is represented. Contact Marie Martin Murphy, 512 Ballenger Ridge Road, Keswick, VA 22947.

### Vendors...

Lectures are important; you can't have conferences without them. But as we all know, you also have to have books, and CDs and new computer programs and grandmother's picture restored and books and books and books. We have them. All of the vendors in the area

have been invited and there will even be a special Virginia society booth that will feature local organizations and their publications. Come prepared to shop.

#### And don't forget...

We have something for those tagalong family members who could care less about genealogy. Send them to the museums, the golf course or the beach or even Washington. If you run out of ideas just stop by our hospitality booth, tell us how long you want to stay and we'll provide a list of family attractions—you already have your list.

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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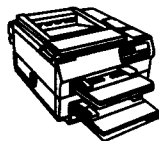
### Recent Reprints

Fairfax Harrison, *Virginia Land Grants: A Study in Conveyancing in Relation to Colonial Politics* (1998)

184 pp.; index; perfect-bound; softcover; \$15.00. Order from **Family Line Publications, 65 East Main Street, Westminster, MD 21157; 800-876-6103**. Please include \$3.00 shipping for the first book and .50 for each additional item. UPS delivery is an additional \$2.00. Maryland residents add 5% sales tax.

Just as a study of Hening's *Statutes at Large* is considered necessary to an understanding of the early laws of Virginia, so is a study of Fairfax Harrison's *Virginia Land Grants* considered necessary to an understanding of the early land practices in Virginia. And, since these land practices directly impacted on how the commonwealth developed, such a study provides the researcher with an understanding of the development of Virginia counties and the migration of its people. Not only does Harrison provide ample examples throughout his discussion, but he includes over forty pages of sources and notes regarding those discussions. Suffice it to say that the quickest way for a researcher to learn the intricacies of the Virginia land grant system is to read Harrison's *Virginia Land Grants*.

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Oren F. Morton, *A History of Rockbridge County, Virginia* (1920; reprint, 1998) 568 pp.; illus.; general index; perfect-bound; softcover; \$41.00. Available from **Heritage Books, Inc., 1540E Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, MD 20716; 800-398-7709**. Please include \$4.00 shipping. Maryland residents add 5% sales tax.

Very correctly, Heritage Books refers to their facsimile edition of Morton's *History of Rockbridge County* as "A Heritage Classic." Morton wrote at the same time as John W. Wayland and Harry M. Strickler, who also produced numerous works on the counties that comprise the Shenandoah Valley. Morton topically arranged a wealth of never-before published information on both the valley and the Scotch-Irish families who settled in Rockbridge County—all without notes or an every-name index. However, supposedly to help his reader, the various lists which constitute the genealogical content of the history were all alphabetized by Morton. As an introduction to researching Rockbridge County, Morton's classic is without equal. But, to indicate as the editors of Heritage Books do that "This well-written and extremely detailed book contains everything you would ever want to know about Rockbridge County!" is misleading in the extreme.



Ruth Woods Dayton, *Pioneers and Their Homes on Upper Kanawha* (1947, reprint, 1998) 320 pp.; illus.; map; full-name index; perfect-bound; softcover; \$38.00. Order from **Clearfield Company, Inc., 200 East Eager Street, Baltimore, MD 21202**. Please include \$3.50 shipping. Maryland residents add 5% sales tax; Michigan, 6%.

The author defines the Upper Kanawha as that portion of the river from its beginning at Gauley Bridge to the mouth of Davis Creek, a tributary below Charleston. She begins her narrative with the story of Simon Kenton who spent a number of years as a scout and hunter in the valley but who did not have an identifiable home there. The Morris family and their home at the mouth of Kelly's Creek is defined as the first permanent settlement in the area although the creek was named after an earlier settler who was killed in an Indian raid. While the title indicates that the subject matter covers pioneers and their homes, it is the pioneers who are the focus of the discussion, their homes are secondary. Researchers will find that the pioneer's family is frequently detailed for at least two generations; however, as is typical of histories of the period little documentation is provided.

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

Charles W. Baird, *History of the Huguenot Emigration to America* (2 vols. in 1) (1885; reprint, 1998) 354, 458 pp.; maps; illus.; full-name but incomplete index; Smyth-sewn; hardcover; \$45.00.

Hailed when it was first published as a major source of information on Huguenot refugees and when it was later reprinted as the definitive work on Huguenot emigration, one can only wish that this latest reprint contained an every-name index. Although Virginia Huguenots receive less attention than those of other areas, the information presented provides the researcher with a great deal of general information in regard to Huguenot emigration, government attitudes including those of the Virginia company and suggestions for sources of additional information since Baird is careful to provide sources of his information and, in many cases, both the original French and the translation of documents regarding the Huguenots. Huguenot researchers who are not familiar with this resource should quickly become so.

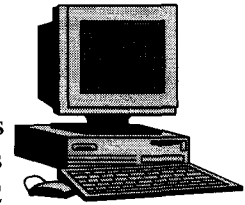
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Don Yoder, *Pennsylvania German Immigrants, 1709-1786* (1980; reprint, 1998); xi, 394 pp.; illus.; personal name and ship index; cloth; hardcover; \$35.00.

When the lists that make up Yoder's *Pennsylvania German Immigrants* originally appeared in various issues of the *Yearbooks of the Pennsylvania German Folklore Society* between 1936 and 1951 their worth was immediately appreciated. Nothing has changed in the years since. The five lists included in this the fourth printing of the original edition of 1980 attempt to identify the early eighteenth-century German emigrants in their homeland as well as in Pennsylvania. When Yoder's work is used in connection with Strassburger and Hinke's three volume *Pennsylvania German Pioneers* crucial information on an individual immigrant can often be discerned. This is a seminal work which has greatly facilitated serious Palatine research. If you are interested in researching Palatine lines, this book belongs on your bookshelf.

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## Computer Corner



### *DeedMapper™ 3.0.*

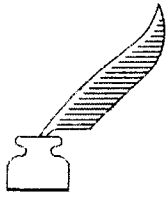
System requirements: Windows 95, Windows 98 or Windows NT; 8 megabytes RAM; 2 megabytes of hard drive space for program installation. Will print on any Windows-compatible printer or plotter. Order from **Direct Line Software, 71 Neshobe Road, Newton, MA 02468**. Cost is \$99.00; Massachusetts residents add 5% sales tax.

We have extolled the virtues of both earlier versions of this program and have found nothing in this latest version to change our mind. For those individuals who wish to compile extensive neighborhood plat maps, it's a great tool. We won't spend our time detailing the importance of land platting—that's another whole article.

Installation is easy and a tutorial is available for first-time users. However, this program will not teach you how to plat. You need to understand the basics of land platting before you begin to use the program. What this program will do is facilitate the construction of neighborhoods by letting you move parcels around on screen, adjust lines that have been inaccurately recorded and produce plots even though one of the lines is a creek or road. Maps showing streams, roads, railroads and public land sections may be purchased for a specific area and plats can be overlaid on the maps. Selected plats or groups of plats can be printed out with annotations showing corners, lines or owners. Product support is provided via email. Individuals will also find the web site useful.

Users of earlier versions need to convert their ddx files to mbl files—a simple process most users should be familiar with. Enhancements include the ability to select a parcel by clicking in the middle of it and the ability to open more than one project at a time. The metes and bounds language now supports several new categories including lbl, adj and id; the text view now wraps long lines of text onto multiple lines; the tools menu contains a new grid tool to measure latitude/longitude; the view filter can be used to shut off display of all parcels except the currently selected one(s) and up to two graphic files in the project folder can be imported as background images. The program operation remains basically the same although some key strokes have been changed to conform to Windows; users of earlier versions will find many of their wishes fulfilled and new users will delight in this helpful research tool.

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### Archives News:

This Spring, before the excitement of the National Genealogical Society Conference, the Library of Virginia will be the site of another event that has already created a stir of anticipation. On April 23–24, 1999, the first of three events scheduled for this year that highlight the outstanding collection of maps among our archival holdings will take place.

The Virginia in Maps Project symposium, a two-day event, will feature keynote speaker Louis de Vorsey, Jr., Professor Emeritus of Geography from the University of Georgia at Athens. Essayists will discuss aspects of recent research and applications of new technologies in the cartographic field.

Coinciding with the symposium is the opening of a major exhibition highlighting the map collection. There are now over 67,000 maps in our collection. The most important segment of the collection includes the maps tracing the growth of Virginia from its settlement to the present. The exhibit, *Mapping Virginia*, will feature displays of many of these important and rare maps, from early settlement to satellite imagery, including the 1807 Bishop Madison map, the 1827 Boye map of Virginia, the 1755 Mitchell map of British claims in North America and the 1770 John Henry map.

Later in the year, a handsome atlas edited by Richard Stephenson, retired specialist in American cartographic history at the Library of Congress, and Marianne McKee, research archivist and cartographic specialist in the Archives Research Services Section, will be published. *Virginia in Maps: Four Centuries of Settlement, Growth, and Development*, will include articles by noted cartographic historians and will trace the mapping of Virginia up to the present. I have already seen copies of the 200 full-color illustrations to be used and they will astound you with their beauty. I am sure this will be a volume you will want in your personal collection.

For many years, Marianne McKee has been a tireless worker dedicated to the collection of maps in the archives. She has educated the staff to the variety of uses of the collection and has worked hard to see that important maps were on our list of preservation priorities. When the public areas of the new library were being discussed, it was Marianne who saw the potential of an area specially designated for use of the map

collection and encouraged us to bring the collection out from behind the scenes into the public areas. Her dedication to the map collection has resulted in the programs and publication you will hear more about this year.

I hope you will come to the symposium and exhibit and add a copy of *Virginia in Maps* to your collection.

Conley L. Edwards  
State Archivist

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### Recent VHS Accessions



VIRGINIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

*The Center for Virginia History*

The following are available from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Monday through Saturday at the Virginia Historical Society, 428 North Boulevard, Richmond, Virginia. All materials must be used at the library. The daily admission charge for non-members is \$4.00. The society's online catalog is available at

<http://www.vahistorical.org>

Researchers should be aware that work continues on the conversion of the "old card catalog;" users need to check both to determine whether an item is available.

#### Bible Records:

Anderson, Baird, Blow, Boswell, Bransford, Campbell, Chase, Clay, Dickinson, Ellett, Gillock, Harrison, Howard, Hill, Matthews, Pollard, Risk, Stringer, Thornton, Waples, Weddell and Wright families.

#### Genealogical Items:

Anthony, Fortescue, Hart, McConnico, Munford, Northen, Petke, Rogers, Stevens, Suddeth, Temple, Todd, and Washington families. Unpublished genealogical notes.

Brauer, Ellegood, Graybill, Meade, Sauer and Taylor families. Genealogical charts.

#### Personal Papers:

Coleman family of Dinwiddie County, 1805–1922. Includes materials concerning agriculture, emigration to Kentucky and the service of family members in Confederate Army units from Tennessee and Kentucky.

Morrison family of Rockbridge County, 1836–1935. Letters of Doctor Samuel Brown Morrison of the Confederate States Army.

Scott family, 1847–1936. Papers concerning the involvement of family members in the mercantile firm of Thomas Branch & Sons of Petersburg and the investments brokerage house of Thomas Branch & Co. of Richmond.

Reverend Edward Clifford Gordon of Lexington, 1849–1884. Papers concerning his activities as proctor, treasurer and chairman of the faculty of Washington College (now Washington and Lee University).

Edward Lorraine of Buchanan and Richmond, 1852–1873. Correspondence and diaries kept while a civil engineer on the James River and Kanawha Canal.

John Chandler Dugger of Brunswick County, 1875–1918. Papers kept as a merchant at White Plains.

Frederick William Sievers of Richmond, 1891–1994. Papers concerning his career as a sculptor and his works commemorating heroes of the Confederate cause.

Miller & Rhoads department store chain of Richmond, 1899–1985. Business records.

John Skelton Williams of Richmond, 1905–1988. Papers concerning Thomas Fortune Ryan, the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States and the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company.

Julia Mildred Harper Marston of Richmond, 1909–1959. Papers concerning her career as a dancer and dance instructor.

Donegal Company, Inc. of Richmond, 1908–1959. Papers concerning the acquisition of lands in Minnesota for the purpose of mining iron ores, coal, marble and slate.

Fraternal Order of Eagles, Dixie Aerie No. 338, Richmond, 1911–1969. Records of this workers' organization, consisting of trustees' papers and minutes of meetings.

Thomas Jefferson Woman's Club of Richmond, 1936–1995. Records consisting of minutes, yearbooks, scrapbooks and financial records.

Garland Gray of Waverly, 1939–1950. Scrapbook concerning his career as president of Gray Lumber Company and the Bank of Waverly as well as his activities as a member of the Virginia Democratic Party and the Virginia State Senate.

Joseph Hatchitt Crooks of Richmond, 1944–1963. Papers consisting of letters to family members written while serving with the U.S. Army Corps of

Engineers and the U.S. State Department in Africa, the Azores, Greece, Iceland and Thailand.

Patricia Smith Ticer, Virginia State Senator of Alexandria, 1991–1998. Papers concerning her legislative career.

### *Research Opportunities in Virginia*

During the past seven years the VGS newsletter has featured a number of articles describing various research facilities throughout the state. These have included

February/April 1992: Alderman Library, University of Virginia and Albemarle County Historical Society.

June 1992: Caroline County

August 1992: Germanna, Orange County

October 1992: Danville and Pittsylvania County

October 1993: Loyd House, Alexandria

October 1994: Goochland Historical Society

December 1994: Fauquier Heritage Society

February 1995: West Virginia Archives

August 1995: Chesterfield Historical Society

October 1995: Virginia Historical Society

December 1995: Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg

February 1996: Virginia Room, Roanoke Public Library

June 1996: Bath County Historical Society

August 1996: Thomas Balch Library, Leesburg

October 1996: The Kegley Library, Wytheville

December 1996: Bedford City/County Museum, Bedford

February 1997: The Mary Ball Washington Museum and Research Center, Lancaster

June 1997: Louisa County

August 1997: Rockingham County Libraries

December 1997: Old Stone Jail Museum and Fluvanna County Courthouse, Palmyra

February 1998: Virginia research at the DAR Library

April 1998: Virginia research in the North Carolina triangle

June 1998: Handley Regional Library, Winchester-Frederick County Historical Society

August 1998: City of Staunton

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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.**

**FETZER:** Seek info on children and descs of Joachim Fetzer b 1753, m Maria 1772, d 1827. He served in Rev War and lived in Woodstock, VA. **Claude Fetzer, 6121 Kelston Green Dr, Glen Allen, VA 23060.**

**DAVENPORT:** Seek info on Davenport family of Lancaster and Richmond cos. John Davenport's 1683 will names wife Margaret and ch George, John, William, Fortunatus. George Davenport's 1734 will names wife Ruth and daus Margaret, Elizabeth, Sarah, Susannah. What were their wives maiden names? Will exchange info. **Gwen Boyer Bjorkman, 4425 - 132nd Ave SE, Bellevue, WA 98006-2126.**

[gwenbj@seanet.com](mailto:gwenbj@seanet.com)

**ROBINSON, HAMILTON:** Seek b/m/d dates of Briton Robinson. Known ch: Eleanor, Ann, Polly, all b VA. Was Briton in the Rev War? Also seek par of Alexander Hamilton, b VA. He m 1812 Eleanor Robinson in Rockbridge Co and both d in Delaware Co, OH. **Pearl L. Savage, 900 West 6th St, #12A, Beardstown, IL 62618-1462.**

**MAJOR, IRONMONGER, LOGGINS:** Seek any info on John Major b 1690 Culpeper Co and proof that he m Constance Ironmonger. Also seek info on the Loggins family. **Evelyn Bailey, 15424 McClellan Rd, Memphis, IN 47143.**

**BRICKELL, HUDSON:** Seek info on John Brickell who lived Norfolk or Nansemond Co, 1764-1791. Was his wife Martha? Where did son John Jr go? Did his wife, Eliza Hudson, die there and when? Would appreciate any help on the Brickell family. **Marcia K. Bourdeau, 7720 Lakeshore, Port Huron, MI 48059. 810-327-6565. mjbordo@aol.com**

**HAGAN, RIGGS:** Seek info on Richard Hagan, b ca 1802, and his wife Jemina Riggs. Richard was s/o Francis Riggs and Margaret Ramsower of Frederick Co, MD; Jemina's parents are unknown. Their son Benjamin Franklin Hagan m Hannah Myers in Paeonian Springs, Loudoun Co, and both d there. **Fred L. Hagan, Jr., 6990 Gatorbone Rd, Keystone Heights, FL 32656.**

Exchange: **HAGAN, RIGGS, CRUTCHLOW /CRICHLOW, BLANKENSHIP.** Hagan and Riggs families of Frederick Co, MD and Loudoun Co; Crutchlow family of Southampton Co in early 1800s; Blankenship family of Bedford Co in late 1800s. **Fred L. Hagan, Jr., 6990 Gatorbone Rd, Keystone Heights, FL 32656.**

**SEWELL/SEAWALL, LOWE, DUDLEY:** Need info on par of Henry Sewell h/o Jane Lowe and f/o Mary Sewell, w/o Richard Dudley. Sewell d 1664 in Lower Norfolk Co. Was he the Henry who was secretary to Lord Baltimore? **Joseph B. Lambert, 1956 Linneman St, Glenview, IL 60025.**

[jlambert@nwu.edu](mailto:jlambert@nwu.edu)

**EVANS:** Seek info on family of Robert M. Evans. His son Robert M. Evans was b 1783 in Frederick Co and the Evans family moved to Botetourt Co by 1790. **Thomas Warren, PO Box 213, Sherborn, MA 01770.**

**HOWELL:** Seek info on Mary Howell, b ca 1760 Buckingham Co, m ca 1779 Reese Thomas, a Rev War soldier of Cumberland Co. Ch: Job Howell, Phinius, Mary S., John Thomas, Anthony Hoggatt, Porcia, Nathaniel. Mary d in TN ca 1834. Who were her parents? Was she Welsh? **Albert C. Metts, Jr., 4019 Sylvan Oaks Dr, San Antonio, TX 78229-4733.**

[ametts@juno.com](mailto:ametts@juno.com)

**THOMAS, PORTER:** Seek info on and par of Mary Hamilton (Polly) Thomas, b 1800 Bedford Co, m 1816 Reese Porter Columbia, TN, d 1873 Columbia, TN. Ch: Elizabeth T., William B., Nimrod Reese.

**Albert C. Metts, Jr., 4019 Sylvan Oaks Dr., San Antonio, TX 78229-4733. ametts@juno.com**

**WALTON:** Seek par of Edward Walton b 1670, d 1720 New Kent Co. He m ca 1698 Elizabeth\_(?)\_ who d 1717 in New Kent Co. What was Elizabeth's maiden name and who were her parents? **Bernice F. White, 506 Glendale Ave, Houma, LA 70360-7320.**

**HARVEY, BLASSINGAME, RICHARDSON:** Seek par of Thomas Harvey, b 1705/10, d 1782 Charlotte Co, m Elizabeth Blassingame 1730/35. She d ca 1786 in Charlotte Co. Who were her parents? Thomas and Elizabeth had a son John who m Ann Richardson, d/o John Richardson and Mary Curd. **Bernice F. White, 506 Glendale Ave, Houma, LA 70360-7320.**

**STUCKENBURG/STUDENBURG:** Seek info on Joseph Stuckenburg who d ca 1898, age 61. He was assigned Milk Steward, 1862-1865, at CSA Chimbarazo Hospital and owned and operated a grocery store in Richmond with wife, two sons, and a dau. **William A. Rolfe, 2209 Persimmon Trek, Richmond, VA 23233-2724.**

**McBRIDE, WOOD:** Seek info on par/sib of Wyatt McBride, b 1802-1810 in NC, d 1879 Grayson Co. Also seek info on par/sib of John Wood, f/o Richard Wood, b 1769, d 1859 Patrick Co. John's wife was named Nelly. **Sue Walter, 593 Cheaneys Bridge Rd., Dunnsville, VA 22454.**

**TYREE:** Seek par and info on Jacob Tyree (1718-1801) of Amherst Co and wife Mary (1730-1796). His 1801 will mentions: sons Jacob, William; daus Nancy Wood, Mary Bailey, Sarah Rutherford Wilcher, Fanny Tinsley, Jane Gibson. Son John d 1777 in Albany Hospital. Who was son William's wife? **Margaret Tyree Green, 205 Pine Reach Dr, Kilmarnock, VA 22482.**

**GRANT:** Seek par of Alexander D. Grant Sr (1794-1871) of Rockbridge Co who m Rebecca Harris, d/o John and Amy. Six ch: Alex D. Jr; Robert C., Seaton L. (d 1865, Civil War, Point Lookout, MD); Andrew Jackson (b 1833, m Agnes Lunsford, d 1864 Spotsylvania Co); John M.; Rebecca Leighton. **Margaret Tyree Green, 205 Pine Reach Dr, Kilmarnock, VA 22482.**

**HICKS:** Seek ancs of Capt. Robert Hicks, b ca 1660, d 1739 in Brunswick Co. Was he a desc of Robert Hicks, b England ca 1580 who came to MA aboard *Fortune* in 1621, or his bro Thomas, or was he s/o James Hicks or another Hicks emigrant who came to VA 1637-1663? **Edward Trexler, PO Box 298, Mollusk, VA 22517. etrexler03@rivnet.net**

**HICKS:** Marmaduke, Daniel and John Hicks patented land 1723-1730 along James River in areas which became Goochland and Powhatan cos. Marmaduke m Agnes and was defendand in several Goochland civil suits (1733-1734) but failed to appear. Did he die or leave the county or state? Was he related to Daniel, John or Nathaniel Hicks who lived in Goochland and d in 1735, 1772, and 1735? **Edward Trexler, PO Box 298, Mollusk, VA 22517. etrexler03@rivnet.net**

**COURTNEY, TRENT, KING:** Need maiden name of Mary Courtney (ca 1765-1826), w/o John Courtney (ca 1758-1819) of Deep Run Creek in Stafford Co. Thomas and Abner Alcock, and Allen and Thomas Stevens involved with John Courtney's estate. Also seek anc of Fielding Trent (ca 1755-1820s) of Patrick Co. He m Sally King, d/o of Zackariah King of Henry Co and Caswell Co, NC. **James W. Courtney, 1208 Johnson Blvd, Murray, KY 42071.**

**KAUFMAN:** Christopher Kaufman and Jacob Kaufman came from PA or VA to Nelson Co, KY, in the 1780s along

with John Wible and Ulrick Himmelberger. They divided a Virginia Treasury Warrant of 1000a issued to Theophilis Philips. Need Kaufman ancestry. **James W. Courtney, 1208 Johnson Blvd, Myrray, KY 42071.**

**GRUBBS:** Bros Edward, John, James, and William Grubbs all b VA in 1770s. William m Honor Cherry and they moved with Edward to Dearborn Co, IN (VA territory). Where did John and James live? Did they marry, and, if so, who? Any info appreciated. **Stephen A. Hadley, 1021 N. Connecticut Ave, Royal Oak, MI 48067-1402.**

**BRIGHTWELL:** Seek info on the Brightwell family of Spotsylvania Co. William Brightwell, b 1770, d KY 1848, m Martha Johnston 1795. They had a son William J., b 1812. Were there other children? They lived in Woodford Co, KY. **Stephen A. Hadley, 1021 N. Connecticut Ave, Royal Oak, MI 48067-1402.**

**LLOYD, LOYD:** Thomas Loyd/Lloyd m 1780 Orange Co Sarah Gresham (widow) and d 1817 Fleming Co, KY. Was he a doctor in the Rev War? Was he s/o of John Loyd who d 1802 Madison Co? Was Sarah d/o Ann Rennolds who left a will in Madison Co in 1808. **Wanza Barker Merrifield, 808 Sugar Maple, Ponca City, OK 74604.**

**CHAPMAN, PHIPPS/FIPPS:** James B. Chapman, b VA 1815, m 1835 Washington Co Susannah Phipps, d/o William Phipps Jr and Barbara Stroup King. James moved to MO and d there 1886. Was he s/o of Frank Chapman and Nancy Chester. **Wanza Barker Merrifield, 808 Sugar Maple, Ponca City, OK 74604.**

#### 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>w/o</i> = widow
<i>d/o</i> = daughter of	<i>w/1, w/2, etc.</i> = wife
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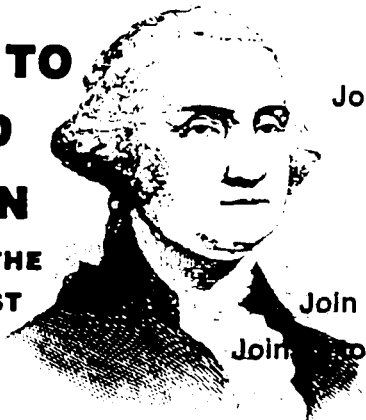
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