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Research in the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Library The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Williamsburg, Virginia

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This marvelous museum and library will be known to many simply as "the CW Library"; but that is a name from an earlier time and from collections housed in several locations. All of its holdings have now come together in the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Library—the culmination of a forty-year dream to collect at a single location all of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation's various information resources on the history and culture of the eighteenth-century Chesapeake. Research materials on history, archaeology, architecture, and decorative arts that were previously housed in several different libraries have, for the first time, been gathered under one roof. This collection, in conjunction with other museum resources at Colonial Williamsburg, provides an unprecedented opportunity to conduct in-depth research on colonial Virginia people and subjects.

It must be kept in mind that the primary purpose of the Rockefeller Library is to serve the staff of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation; however, anyone with a serious interest in the study of the eighteenth-century Chesapeake is welcome to use the collection. Patrons can find a wealth of information in the library's general collections, Virginia reference materials, rare books, manuscripts, maps, microfilm, and architectural and photographic collections. In addition, online resources, such as CD-ROMs, databases and user guides provide enhanced, up-to-date finding aids for hard-to-research materials.

When one enters this new facility, one is immediately impressed by its aesthetic beauty, its spaciousness, and quiet orderliness. One is then equally impressed with the graciousness of the staff and with the generous gift of

their time and knowledge in helping the researcher. While there is not a genealogy department—since family research is not one of their missions, they do offer their expertise and courteous direction, suggestions, and guidance to the family researcher. Many of the library's holdings contain, not only documentation for family relationships, but a window on the times and culture of one's Tidewater ancestors.

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Within the scope of this article it is impossible to present all of the research possibilities; however, a listing and a brief description of some of them will indicate the scope of the resources available.

General Collections and Public Services

Subject areas defined for the general collections include:

African-American Studies, Archaeology, Architecture, Decorative Arts, Historic Trades, Historical Research, Landscape, Literature/Literary History, Music, Religion, and Theater Arts. Each subject area is focused on the geographic area surrounding Williamsburg, Virginia, in the eighteenth-century. Related works on Great Britain and her North American colonies during the American colonial and Revolutionary periods are also included in the scope of the collections. Many works not specific to Williamsburg, but necessary to the research conducted by the staff of Colonial Williamsburg, are thus found in the library.

The Virginia Gazette (1736-1780), the oldest newspaper in the colony, still extant and covering a much larger geographic area than Williamsburg, is available on microfilm and accessible through a published index. *The Virginia Historical Index* (*Swem's Index*) provides a ready guide to the publications it indexes; all of them shelved convenient to researchers.

An interesting and unusual collection, entitled *House Histories* is filed in the Lektriever. It includes research reports on houses and archaeological sites in the "Historic Area." These include documented site histories, as well as, the names and brief descriptions of individuals who were associated with these sites. There is additionally, a card index of these individuals. Another resource for family researchers is the *Research Queries*, also in the Lektriever. This contains letters, memorandums, and reports prepared by Colonial Williamsburg staff in response to requests for information on Williamsburg and the colonial era, and thus also on its people.

The stacks are open, a boon to many researchers. Copies of many published transcriptions of parish registers and vestry books, as well as, county histories are available; as is also a growing collection of family histories. Reference encyclopedias, directories, dictionaries, bibliographies and catalogues are within the same area and readily accessible.

An example of the varied resources upon which one may draw to enhance a family history is provided by one researcher who was able to trace the origins of his family surname. He found his ancestor to have been a potter and by consulting a guide to artists and artisans in the museum/library's decorative arts holdings was able to trace the ancestor in question (c.1820). He was also able to trace his father who had resided in another state, and to take the family into the seventeenth century. While one doesn't usually think of a museum as a source of information on specific individuals, occasionally when there is an unusual occupation, a number of lines of enquiry may be productive.

Special Collections and Services

The Special Collections include rare books, original manuscripts, maps, microforms, photostats, transcripts, and architectural collections. These are to use within the special collections reading room, with the supervision and gracious

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Rockefeller, Jr. Library (continued from page 2)
assistance of the special collections staff.

The subject areas defined for the special collections in the Rockefeller Library most relevant to family research include:

- Virginia and the Chesapeake region to 1865;
- Anglo-Americans significant to Virginia history to 1800;
- African-Americans in colonial Virginia and America;
- Native Americans in colonial Virginia;
- Women and family in colonial Virginia and America;
- Anglo-Americans in colonial Virginia; Anglo-American social, economic, and mercantile development to 1865;
- Anglo-American imperial administration, particularly as it related to Virginia;
- The American Revolution, particularly in Virginia
- Early American law, medicine, science, agriculture, industrial and domestic crafts; European works on these subjects;
- Conduct and manners; also instruction for servants to 1800;
- Dress and fashion in colonial America;
- Travel accounts of Virginia to 1865;
- Books shown by documentary evidence to have been sold in colonial Williamsburg or of known significance to colonial Virginians;
- Books with bookplates or inscriptions of colonial residents that provide evidence of eighteenth-century reading patterns;
- Genealogical records relating to eighteenth-century Williamsburg residents;
- Photographs, field notes, and research notes compiled by Colonial Williamsburg architectural historians during the reconstruction of Colonial Williamsburg buildings;
- Twentieth-century research relating to American history, particularly theses and dissertations.

Examples of the geographic diversity of the library can be found in the extensive microfilm collection of county records of southeastern Virginia. There is even the added benefit of abstracts and an index to the records of early York County. There are also microfilm copies of papers of well-known early Virginians and of manuscript materials from the Huntington Library, Duke University, the Newberry Library, the Library of Congress, and the Virginia Historical Society. The Rockefeller Library is one of only four institutions that own microfilm copies of the Virginia Colonial Records Project.

VGS Calendar

2000

Virginia Institute of Genealogical Research (VIGR)

Date: 6–10 August

Place: Roslyn, Richmond, Virginia

Fall conference

Date: 29 September

Place: Winchester

Theme: Researching Your Civil War Ancestor

The Map Collection, though extensive, is primarily composed of photostatic reproductions of original maps. The organizational scheme of the collection relates to the interests of Colonial Williamsburg and focuses on the Chesapeake in the eighteenth-century. There is a great deal of information useful in understanding the geographic locations of places of residence and also the migration patterns of the colonial peoples.

The Rockefeller Library is part of the new Bruton Heights School Education Center, a 30.6 acre complex of research departments and collection storage facilities that serves as a physical testament to Colonial Williamsburg's continuing commitment to education and research. It is open Monday–Friday, 10 A.M. to 5 P.M., with librarian assistance between 10 A.M. and 3 P.M.; after that one is free to research in the General Collection on one's own. Borrowing privileges are not available to the general public. The library is located off Lafayette Street, then Capitol Landing, at 313 First Street.

The Internet website of the Rockefeller Library is a streamlined way of learning about the holdings of the library. The doors have been opened electronically to the World Wide Web (<http://www.history.org>) and one may visit the major collections through finding aids and the library card catalogue. Researchers can now visit the library in person with a clear purpose and a better idea of what is available. Both the *House Histories* and the *Virginia Gazette* will be available digitally on the Internet to subscribers sometime in the future.

Information for this article has been gathered with the gracious assistance of Susan Shames, Decorative Arts Librarian and Juleigh Clark, Public Services Librarian and from the *Guide to the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Library*, with introduction by Susan Berg. The guide may be obtained by sending \$1.00 to the Library, PO Box 1776, Williamsburg, VA 23187.

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VGS News Items & Announcements

Wesley E. Pippenger, past president of the Virginia Genealogical Society, was recently honored by the Alexandria Historical Society. He was this year's recipient of the society's City History Award. He also had an article entitled "Playing with Dead People" published in the March/April 2000 issue of the *NGS Newsmagazine*.

The Annual **Leftwich Family Reunion** will be held in Richmond, Virginia, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on 20–22 October 2000. For additional information, contact the reunion coordinator: Donna Prosser, 1006 West 49th Street, Richmond, VA 23225; 804-233-9972.

Renovations at the **Handley Library in Winchester** have not as yet been completed. Check their website before planning a research trip. <http://www.shentel.net/handley-library/index.html>

As of mid-May the **Lloyd House collections** were moved into their new space in the Kate Waller Barrett Library directly across the street from Lloyd House. The new facilities will greatly improve the storage and preservation of the collections. It will also enable the library to make the collections available on week-nights and Sundays for the first time. The space provides enhanced seating for researchers, better lighting and easy computer hook-ups. For information on joining contact the Friends of the Lloyd House, 717 Queen Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

The **Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society (MAGS)** will hold its fall meeting on Saturday, 28 October 2000, 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., at the Best Western Motel in Leesburg, Virginia. The meeting theme is Searching for Ancestors in Germany. The speaker will be Trudy Sherk from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Registration begins at 8:30 A.M. Cost is \$25.00 for members and \$30.00 for non-members which includes a buffet luncheon. Vendors and ample parking will also be available. Contact: Diane M. Kuster, 17 Swaine Avenue, Toms River, New Jersey 08755-4034; 732-240-7349; e-mail: DMKUSTER@compuser.com; or, check their website: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~usmag/>

Armentrout Family Book

If there is sufficient support, the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society is planning to reprint Russell S. Armentrout's long out-of-print classic *The Armentrout Family from 1739 to 1978*. This 800+ page book documents the descendants of the six sons and one daughter of Anna Elizabeth Ermentraut/Armentrout. The family first settled in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and later moved to Augusta/Rockingham County, Virginia. If you would be interested in ordering a future copy or have corrections which you would like to see included in a planned appendix, please e-mail the society before 30 July 2000 at heritage1@shentel.net or write Armentrout Project, HRHS, P.O. Box 716, Dayton, Virginia 22821.

The **Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation** invites descendants of any of the men on the exploration party to join. Contact LCTHF, PO Box 3434, Great Falls, MT 59403 for more information.

The **Ruffner Family Association** will meet in Luray, Virginia, 14–17 June 2001. Mark your calendar. While you're waiting, you might also want to check their new website: <http://www.ruffnerfamily.org/>. They can also be reached at: Ruffner Family Association, 1675 South Steele Street, Denver, CO 80210-2939.

Tidewater *Virginia Families: A Magazine of History and Genealogy*, Virginia Lee Hutcheson Davis, editor, began its ninth year of publication with the May 2000 issue. The *American Genealogist* anniversary issue cited *Tidewater Virginia Families* as one of three most scholarly regional genealogical journals currently published (Vol 72: 395). Topics include primary records, newly researched family histories and how and where to research; it covers Caroline, Charles City, Elizabeth City, Essex, Gloucester, Hanover, Henrico, James City, King and Queen, King George, King William, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex, New Kent, Northumberland, Richmond, Warwick, Westmoreland and York counties. The magazine is available for \$25.00 volume (four issues, May through February). Researchers may subscribe any time during the volume year and receive all four issues. *Tidewater Virginia Families*, 316 Littleton Quarter, Williamsburg, VA 23185-5519; 757-220-4888; www.erols.com/tvf.

The Rockingham County, Virginia, VAGENWEB site has moved. Catch what's new at: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~varockin/>.

The Womelsdorf Family Association will hold its annual reunion in Richmond, Va., 4-6 August 2000. For more information contact: George VanArsdale, 3036 Ashland Terrace, Virginia Beach, VA 23452; 757-463-4485; e-mail: GsFirebird@aol.com.

Longtime member of VGS, Mary Ruth Northrop's new book, *Matthew Ryan of Enniscorthy, County Wexford, Ireland, and Mary Schmitz of Dommeldingen, Luxembourg, both of North Star Township, Brown County, Minnesota* tied for third place in the 1999 Anna Ford Family Book Contest. If you are interested in ordering a copy, contact the author at 300 West Franklin Street, Apt. 401E, Richmond, VA 23220-4967.

The Society wishes to welcome the following new members:

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In memory of all my ancestors

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May Rose Robertson, Leesburg, Va.
 Ramona J. Sadlon, DePere, Wis.
 In memory of all my ancestors

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 Mary Beth Lozo, San Antonio, Tex.
 Mrs. J. Ernest Squire, Richmond, Va.

News From Around the State

June B. Evans of Bryn Ffyliaid Publications is hard at work abstracting Lunenburg County, Virginia, Guardian Accounts, 1828–1851. For additional information contact her at: 300 Lake Marina Drive, 16 BW, New Orleans, LA 70124-1676.

The CSS **H.L. Hunley** was the world's first "successful" submarine in that it was the first sub to sink an enemy ship, the *USS Housatonic*, in 1864. It was named for Horace (Horatius) Lawson Hunley. John T. Hunley is compiling information on any and all Hunleys for future publication. He asks that you send him your Hunley information and notes you just might "find out some link to old Hunley himself. Send your Hunley material to John T. Hunley, PO Box 613, Madisonville, LA 70447-0613; fax: 504-626-9361.

Do you have a Virginia ancestor who disappeared into the vastness of Texas? Submit a free query to Marleta Childs for publication in her weekly genealogical column that appears in the *Amarillo (Texas) News-Globe*. The newspaper serves the 28 counties of West Texas, western Oklahoma, northeastern New Mexico and southwestern Kansas. Notices concerning family reunions and genealogical workshops are also welcome. Mail your queries to Marleta Childs, Box 6825, Lubbock, Texas 79493-6825.

Have you considered joining the **Genealogical Research Institute of Virginia (GRIVA)**. If so, contact them for additional information at PO Box 29178, Richmond, VA 23242-0178. GRIVA

Ancestors

Ancestors, the well-received Public Broadcasting Series on family history research, is back with a second series. Hosted by Scott Wilkinson, an avid amateur genealogist, it features thirteen new episodes. Responding to viewers' suggestions that the episodes include more "how-to" information, the new episodes focus on the world of records.

Records at Risk
 Family Records
 Compiled Records
 Genealogy and Technology
 Vital Records
 Religious Records
 Cemetery Records
 Census Records
 Military Records
 Newspapers as Records
 Probate Records
 Immigration Records
 Writing a Family History

The series features research experts including Curt Witcher, former president of the Federation of Genealogical Societies and a current director of the National Genealogical Society; David Rencher, current president of the Federation of Genealogical Societies and the Director of the Libraries Division of the Family History Department of the LDS Church; Tony Burroughs of the New England Historic Genealogical Society and Cyndi Howells, creator of Cyndi's List, one of the most frequented genealogy internet sites.

The series will begin in June 2000 and continue through May 2004. Since each PBS station chooses its own programming, all stations may not carry the series. If you are interested in seeing the series (we recommend it), call or write your local station and ask about their plans for scheduling it. Local broadcast information will be posted on the *Ancestors* website as it becomes available.

www.kbyu.org/ancestors/

was organized in 1981 to promote accurate genealogical and historical research. Programs, seminars, publications, field trips, a growing library collection as well as members sharing with each other serve to foster an interest in the preservation of the priceless heritage bequeathed to us by our ancestors.

If you have ancestors who were members of the first or second Germanna colony in Virginia, consider subscribing to John Blankenbaker's *Beyond Germanna*. For information see: <http://www.germanna.com>; or, e-mail John directly, johblank@pipeline.com.

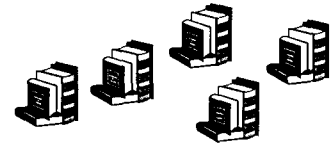
Widely known for their continuous contributions to the study and preservation of New World Fraktur, Russell and Corinne Earnest have designed *Our Family Diary*, a keepsake diary for recording daily family events. Their address is PO Box 1007, East Berlin, PA 17316.

The Musick Family Association of America has just organized as a Virginia non-profit corporation. Its purpose is to gather and publish information about the Musick Family, sometimes spelled Music. The family descends from George Musick, a Virginia pioneer planter in Spotsylvania County, whose date of birth is uncertain, but who died about 1754. He is the ancestor of tens of thousands of Musics and Musicks in America today. The Association plans to assemble a large genealogical database of family information and to publish a periodical newsletter. It is believed that there are many Musicks in the Russell County area and other parts of Western Virginia and many more in Kentucky, Georgia and elsewhere. Interested persons should contact: Musick Family Association of America, PO Box 1267, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864.

Helpful hints from the newsletter of the Patrick County Genealogy Society: 1) People born as early as 1859 had to get a delayed birth record registered by 1940 in order to obtain a Social Security card. So, check the county clerk's 1940 birth index for delayed birth certificates. And, 2) In nineteenth-century America the radius of the average pool of potential spouses was about 5 miles. This was about the distance a man could comfortably walk twice on his day off when he was courting. Then, with the invention of the bicycle, the radius was extended to 25 miles.

The Memorial Foundation of Germanna Colonies in Virginia, Inc. will hold its annual reunion on 14 and 15 July. A seminar featuring Dr. Douglas Sanford, archaeologist, Gray Grassl and Dr. Katherine Brown will begin at 9:00 a.m. at Germanna Community College followed by a dinner at Willow Grove Inn in Orange. The social hour begins at 6:00. The reunion on Sunday will begin with registration at 9:00 at the Germanna Visitor Center. The Hon. John O. Marsh is the keynote speaker; the morning program will be followed by a buffet luncheon and lawn concert by the Alte Kameraden German band. For information and registration contact the organization at PO Box 693, Culpeper, VA 22701; office@germanna.org; www.germanna.org; 540-825-1496.

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 editor.

The following books can be ordered from Willow Bend Books and Family Line Publications, 65 East Main Street, Westminster, MD 21157-5036; 800-876-6103. Please include \$3.00 shipping for the first book and \$0.50 for each additional book. Md. residents add 5% sales tax.

Patricia A. Fogle, *Frederick County, Maryland, Church and Cemetery Records, Volume 1* (2000) iii, 147, ii, 92 pp.; full-name but incomplete index; softcover; perfect-bound; \$21.00.

Frederick County, Maryland, lies just across the Potomac River from Loudoun and Frederick County, Virginia, and was the prior home of many Virginians. Thus these early church and cemetery records will be of value to many researchers who are looking for their

pre-Virginia roots. Virginians who have disappeared from the northern counties may be found here as well. This volume includes the pastoral records of the Jefferson and Feagaville Lutheran Parish churches from 1850–1998 and Burkittsville, 1850–1856;; St. Matthews on the Manor, 1850–1886; St. Paul's, Jefferson, 1850–1945; Mt. Zion, Feagaville, 1850–1998; and St. Luke's, Feagaville, 1885–1998. Prior to 1878 most of the records are either infant baptisms or members received into the church. Most marriage records and death and burial records begin in 1878. Baptismal records provide the names of the parents and child, the birth and baptismal date and the congregation if identifiable. Marriage information includes the name of the bride and groom and the date and place of marriage. Death records include the name of the deceased, the age, date and cause (if known), place of burial and the congregation. Cemetery records for the Union Cemetery of the Lutheran and Reformed Congregations, St. Paul's Lutheran Church Cemetery, the United Church of Christ (Old Reformed) Cemetery in Jefferson and St. Luke's Lutheran Cemetery and Mt. Zion Lutheran Cemetery in or near Feagaville are also included. There are separate indexes for each section; the indexes do not include the names of the parents of children in the baptismal records nor any other names (except the deceased) on the tombstones. Parents, consorts and military service are frequently found in the tombstone readings. bvl

Patricia A. Fogle, *Frederick County, Maryland, Church and Cemetery Records, Volume 2* (2000) 209, iii, 74 pp.; illus.; map; full-name but incomplete index; softcover; perfect-bound; \$22.50.

Originally a Union Church (reformed and Lutheran) the Christ Reformed United Church of Christ has served the community for over 250 years. The early records were translated and published by Pastor Frederick Weiser in 1986. This volume is a transcription of a volume of records known as the Bucher Book which contains records of all of the baptisms, marriages, deaths and burials which he performed beginning in 1830 and continuing with the other pastors through 1996. The records (tombstones) of the church cemetery are also included. This volume has a single index but it also does not include the names of the parents of children in the baptismal records nor any other names (except the deceased) on the tombstones. bvl

Patricia A. Fogle, *Frederick County, Maryland, Church and Cemetery Records, Volume 3* (2000) iv, 118, 179, 70, 78 pp.; map; full-name but incomplete index; softcover; perfect-bound; \$32.00.

Records in this book were compiled from the tombstones and checked against Mehrling Holdcraft's 1966 publication, *Names in Stone*. The records of the former Gladhill now Thompson funeral home records were also consulted for additional information. This volume covers the Evangelical Lutheran Church Zion Cemetery in Middletown, Maryland; it includes the readings from the Mt. Tabor Cemetery on Station Road as well. Baptismal records, 1781–1996, marriage records 1785–1996, and deaths and burials, 1788–1996, for the Lutheran congregation of Zion Church are also included. This volume has separate indexes for each section and again does not include the names of the parents of baptized children nor any names except those of the deceased from the burial and tombstone records. bvl



The following books can be ordered from **TLC Genealogy, PO Box 403369, Miami Beach, FL 33140-1369; 800-858-8558;**
<http://www.tlcgen.com>. Prices are postpaid.

TLC Genealogy, *Cumberland County, Virginia, Deed Book 2, 1752–1760* (2000) iv, 138 pp.; map; full-name index; soundex listing; softcover; spiral bound; \$17.00 postpaid.

Since this was a period of heavy migration, researchers will find the inclusion of geographic names in the index helpful. Twenty-one Virginia counties are listed including the burned record counties of Caroline, Charles City, Gloucester, Hanover, Henrico, James City, King and Queen, King William, New Kent and the City of Williamsburg. The index references to creek names is especially helpful in locating neighbors who might provide clues to former residences. Researchers interested in the rights of women and separation agreements will especially enjoy the detailed separation agreement found on pp. 80–2 of the abstracts. bvl

TLC Genealogy, *Cumberland County, Virginia, Will Book 1, 1749–1769* (2000) ii, 251 pp.; map; full-name index; soundex listing; softcover; spiral bound; \$20.00 postpaid.

Cumberland County was formed from Goochland in 1749. It lies south of the James River in Southside Virginia. It is interesting to note that references to other counties range from Augusta County to the west and Spotsylvania County to the north, burned record county references include Buckingham, Caroline, Henrico, King and Queen, King William, New Kent and the City of Williamsburg. These are extremely thorough abstracts and include all names (2562 individuals) as well as items listed in appraisals, sales and inventories. This period saw a rapid expansion of Virginia's frontiers and a consequent migration of individuals. Since geographic place names are indexed, researchers have the opportunity to look for names from specific counties. bvl



Robert N. Grant, *Wright Family Census Records, Bedford County, Virginia, 1810-1900* (1999) 261 pp.; every name index; perfect-bound; softcover. Available from **Heritage Books, Inc., 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Ste 300, Bowie, MD 20716; 800-398-7709**. Please include \$4.00 for shipping and handling.

As with previous volumes, if your research interest includes those with the surname of *Wright* and they come from the southern part of Virginia you're very lucky. Robert N. Grant has once again amassed a great deal of information on the *Wright* family of Virginia, in this case from nineteenth-century census records. His transcription is carefully done and his attention to detail is commendable as he chronologically moves through and reproduces the relevant entries from the census records. Unfortunately, as is always the case when you extract material from the census, information that can be gained from analyzing the neighbors is lost. If, however, this publication is viewed as a detailed index rather than as a work to be used in isolation, it comes close to being a work without fault. d b-r



Peter Wilson Coldham, *American Migrations, 1765-1799, The Lives, Times and Families of Colonial Americans Who Remained Loyal to the British Crown before, during and after the Revolutionary War, as*

Related in Their Own words and through Their Correspondence (2000) xiii, 931 pp.; bibliography; full-name index; hardcover; Smythe-sewn; \$75.00.

Those researchers who don't have or don't want to know about their Loyalist ancestors have missed an important source of information. Loyalists claims, like pension records provide information about family, property (burned record county researchers take note) and occupations. The claims themselves reference neighbors and include depositions and letters from non-Loyalists. While many of these Loyalists were merchants, factors or colonial government officials, small farmers in the Piedmont and on the frontier are also found in the lists. Coldham has only scratched the surface on these lists—in a paragraph to a page he attempts to condense pages of depositions, letters, memorials and accounts. However, he does include the reference number to the source and urges the reader to explore the entire file. The bulk of these records were taken from British Public Record Office, Audit Office 12 and 13. Researchers should be able to access these records on microfilm at the Library of Virginia, Family History libraries, Swem Library, William and Mary College and Alderman Library, University of Virginia. The Library of Virginia's on-line index to the Virginia Colonial Records Project may lead to additional references and the bibliography found in this volume will provide the researcher with additional general references and sources.

The Loyalists are listed alphabetically within the state of residence; there is no geographic index. Researchers of burned record counties especially Caroline and Hanover may find details on land, property, merchants and individuals within their counties. bvl



Maureen Taylor, *Uncovering Your Ancestry Through Family Photographs: How to Identify, Interpret and Preserve Your Family's Visual Heritage* (2000) 145 pp.; illus.; subject index; perfect-bound, softcover, \$18.99. Available from **Betterway Books a Division of F & W Publications, Inc., 1507 Dana Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45207; 800-289-0963**.

If you're like most people, you have boxes of photographs. And, all of them are likely to be in need of sorting, labeling or something else. This is the book to get you started solving these interrelated problems. Stressing throughout that "a family photograph collection is more than a random collection

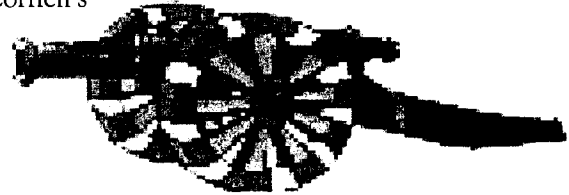
War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies

In 1995, the University of Michigan/Ann Arbor and Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, started a joint project called *The Making of America* (The MOA). This project was funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Its goal was to put on the Internet publications, primarily 19th century, dealing with various social, religious and historical topics. This past year, Cornell scanned the entire contents of *War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies* (the OR).

What is the OR?

The preface to the series tells us that by an act approved June 23, 1874, Congress made an appropriation "to enable the Secretary of War to begin the publication of the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion, both of the Union and Confederate Armies." These would include "all reports, letters, telegrams, and general orders." The result was seventy volumes divided among four series. At that time, 10,000 sets were printed and these have been available in various public, private and academic libraries. It was reprinted a number of years ago and in more recent years, was released on a CD. It is now available on the Internet on Cornell's *Making of America* site.

More details about the series can be found in the Preface, its access is described below.



Why Use the OR?

First of all, the OR does not, generally, contain rosters of troops. The individuals that are mentioned are primarily the different officers sending various communications to subordinate and superior officers. If some private showed great valor in some battle, then he may be mentioned. There are lists of winners of the Medal of Honor which would include such people. If one is interested in some particular military unit, then one can follow that unit through the war. After a battle, the front line officer sent a summary of his unit's participation, win or lose, to his commanding officer.

How to Use the OR:

Indexes do exist for the OR: each volume has its own index and then the final volume, Series IV, No. 4, has a comprehensive or General Index for the entire set and this is where one begins.

1. Log onto this website: http://library5.library.cornell.edu/moa/moa_browse.html
2. This brings up Cornell's collection in The MOA. Scroll down to the end of the listings and click on the OR listed there. Note that the previous listing is for the OR for the navies.
3. You will see some options for doing Searches. You will use these later. Go to the next section entitled Browse and scroll down to the last entry, Series IV, No. 4, and click on it.

4. This will bring up some options for "Go To"; click on the Table of Contents. Later, you may want to view some of the other options.
5. You will note that the upper part of the screen has some operational options. Bring the Table of Contents into view on the lower part of the screen with the side bar on the right. Several choices are available. A first-time user should read the Explanations and probably scan the Synopsis of Contents of Volumes sections. Note that the Preface is not listed but is found by entering the Roman numeral iii in the "Go to Page #" box at the top. It describes the generation of the Series and the contents of each Series of volumes. Finally, after getting oriented with the Explanations, Preface and Synopsis sections, one can then go the General Index which is 1087 pages long. Click on it and read the introductory material there.

Hints on Finding a Subject:

There are two ways of finding a subject, using the Search options and "fishing" in the General Index. If one is looking for an individual person, then the Search option is a place to start. Go to the upper part of the screen and bring the bottom of the image into view with the side bar. There you will see the subject "Browse." Click on it and this will bring you back to Step 3 above. Scroll down to the Search section and click on "simple search." Enter the name of the individual of interest, surname first and then given name, in the box and click the "Submit" box. This will give a list of volume(s) that the person appears in. You then look in each volume's index. It can be difficult to look for a military unit this way since you may not know the exact listing of the unit.

This brings you back to using the General Index. Note in the Table of Contents how long an index is. Then make estimates of where your subject is listed by inserting page numbers in the box at the top. State military units will be listed under that state's name while national units will be listed under United States Colored Troops (p. 983 ff), United States Regulars (p. 986 ff) and Confederate Troops (p.196). Once you find your subject in the General Index, it will show a Series number and a Volume number. If the volume has more than one part, you may have to look in each one until you find your subject listed with appropriate page numbers for that volume. The Search method described above does show the part number. This is not an easy set of volumes to navigate around in but it becomes easier with some practice.

Other MOA Material:

The University of Michigan has some items in their contribution to The MOA in which some readers may be interested. Their listing is accessed by logging onto this address:

http://moa.umdl.umich.edu/moa_browse.html

For example, they have scanned some 19th century issues of the *Southern Literary Messenger* and the *Southern Quarterly Review*. In Volume 2, Issue 2 (Feb. 1857) of this latter one, there is a 23-page article on John Randolph of Roanoke. As noted above, the *Official Records of the Union and Confederate Navies* are also available on this site.

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of images; [that] it is a time capsule of the lives of our ancestors," the author takes readers gently by hand and shows them how to identify various types of family photographs; how to date them; how to use them to reveal additional genealogical information; and, how to preserve them for the next generation—and all with a sense of humor.

The layout is easy on the eyes with lots of icons in the margins. The illustrations are carefully chosen and helpfully labeled to underscore the information provided in the text. At the end of the book, the appendices provide addresses of libraries with good collections and vendors who sell supplies, sample forms for cataloging your collection, and a bibliography for further reading. If you have always promised yourself that you were going to do something about your collection of photographs, this book represents a good place to start. d b-r



The following books can be ordered from **Ancestry Publishing, PO Box 990, Orem, UT 84059; www.ancestry.com**.

Board for Certification of Genealogists, *The BCG Genealogical Standards Manual* (2000) vi, 125 pp.; illus.; subject index; softcover; perfect-bound; \$19.95.

The Board for Certification of Genealogists is one of the two national certifying bodies in the field of genealogy. This volume defines and provides examples of the standards used by the Board to evaluate applicants for the board-certified categories: Certified Genealogical Records Specialist, Certified Genealogical Lineage Specialist, Certified Genealogist, Certified Genealogical Lecturer and Certified Genealogical Instructor. Although it was developed to provide an explanation (with accompanying examples) of the standards for research, publication and instruction established by the Board, researchers who are having difficulty evaluating their own work or who are planning to publish either lineages or compiled multi-generation family histories will find the examples in this volume extremely helpful. The first section describes and provides examples of the Genealogical Proof Standard, data-collection standards, evidence-evaluation standards and compilation standards. The appendixes provide sample reports (useful for the person employing

researchers) and sample compiled lineages and genealogies following the Sosa-Stradonitz System, Multi-Surname System, NGSQ System and the Register System. These examples, although brief, include multiple marriages, name changes, nicknames, the use of direct and indirect evidence in proving family connections, missing and conflicting information, family tradition, adoption, early deaths and family members who disappear. Documentation examples run the gamut of records used by family historians. Researchers who are interested in publication will find the examples extremely helpful and the guidelines—“(a) study the explanations and examples and use scholarly published works as models; (b) choose one system and use it consistently; (c) test-print often to ensure that consistency [in numbering, style and accuracy in connecting generations] is, in fact, being maintained”—practical. bvl

Kip Sperry, *Abbreviations and Acronyms: A Guide for Family Historians* (2000) ii, 201 pp.; \$16.95.

Abbreviations and acronyms abound in our society and appear to be even more frequently found in our research. Until recently finding the explanation for them was extremely difficult. Today, a number of web sites provide lists of abbreviations and/or acronyms with definitions and the compiler of this volume provides a list of these web sites for those who want more information. Most of us, however, would like the easy way out—one place for all our answers and the compiler has attempted to provide this. While not all encompassing, he has certainly listed those most frequently used by researchers as well as some of the more obscure. Many abbreviations/acronyms have multiple meanings and the user will find multiple definitions included. It would have been nice if all were given the extended definition that the letter r received for its first meaning—“on a Revolutionary War pension jacket, R means ‘rejected.’ ” though most are self-explanatory—Rabbi, rector, removed, resides, etc (through 22 different meanings). Whether it’s an acronym for an organization or a research source or an archaic abbreviation it can most likely be found here. We found occupations, military terms, census abbreviations, geographic terms, even shortened forms of given names. And, we’ll have to admit that our admiration climbed a few more notches when we found FVGS, VGS and VIGR. This volume may not have everything, but if it’s an acronym or an abbreviation used by genealogists your best chance of finding it is here. bvl



Laura Szucs Pfeiffer, *Hidden Sources: Family History in Unlikely Places* (2000) xvii, 292 pp.; illus.; maps; subject index; hardcover; Smythe-sewn; \$39.95.

While these sources may not be physically hidden, many of them are certainly not on the hit list of most researchers. Census schedules, court records, deeds, genealogical and hereditary society records, internet sources, newspaper obituaries, passenger lists, pension records, tombstones and even the WPA (Works Progress Administration) records are familiar to most researchers. Admiralty Court records, American State Papers, Army Corps of Engineers, coroner's inquests, hospital records, necrologies, passport and patent records, prison and school records, railroad records and voter registration records are not among the more common records searched; yet they are often the only available source of some information. Each heading includes a brief description of the record, its source(s), available indexes and the type of information found in the record. Selected readings for additional information and, if available and/or known, internet sites of interest are also included. Many reviewers and readers will note unfavorably that the book (which is published by Ancestry, Inc.) overemphasizes the company's products both in the selected readings and in the internet sites; however, in fairness to the company, these are legitimate references; Ancestry products are, however, mentioned in lieu of some of their competitors' products which offer the same services or information.

Readers should expect the internet addresses to change. They should not expect to find information "as of 1996" in a book with a 2000 copyright date; however, the FamilySearch® information found in the section on Family History libraries is "as of 1996" and, consequently, does not indicate that this service is now available online. Nor does the name and address of the Library of Virginia reflect its current name or its move in January 1997 to the new building and consequent change of address and phone numbers. These are small flaws (which should have been remedied). Errors aside, this is an extremely attractive (one of Ancestry's hallmarks is the inclusion of useful, quality illustrations) and informative book and one which will bring new sources and new information to users. Information

that will hopefully take them over, around or through their brick walls. bvl



Thomas Jay Kemp, *The Genealogist's Virtual Library: Full-text Books on the World Wide Web* (2000) xiv, 268 pp.; softcover; perfect-bound; \$27.95. Order from **Scholarly Resources, Inc., 104 Greenhill Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19805-1897; 800-772-8937; www.scholarly.com.**

The world-wide web continues to add resources for researchers, the latest movement involves the addition of full-text books—most of which have fully searchable text. Although some of these sites require paid memberships, many are universities and other institutions which provide the material free. This volume which was out-of-date before it was published due to the proliferation of titles, provides at least a starting place for the researcher. The compiler provides a list of titles and websites arranged by subject; no attempt has been made to annotate the titles nor are there any cross indexes. Thus the user looking for Civil War material will miss the reference to the *War of the Rebellion* and to the *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* since both are listed under serials rather than the subject they treat. Users should note that although the title of the book indicates that these references are to full-text items only the table of contents to recent issues of the *Virginia Magazine* are on-line. While this volume may be of use to the novice web-searcher, most researchers can readily locate the items via search engines and links from other sites. A CD included with the volume provides a copy of Adobe Acrobat Reader (readily available as a free download) and the full-text of the book's listing of sites with hot links to the source web-site. Cross indexes, a discussion of the many digital projects supported by a variety of institutions as well as an explanation of the best way(s) to search full-text books would have provided value that this volume lacks. bvl



Vicki Bidinger Horton, *Hampshire County, Virginia (West Virginia), Personal Property Tax Lists, 1800-1814* (1995) 215 pp.; full-name index; softcover; perfect-bound; \$21.00. Order from **Clearfield Company, Inc., 200 E.Eager St., Baltimore, MD 21202; (410) 625-9004.** Please include \$3.50

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Clay Hamilton, a director since 1994 and immediate past secretary of the Bath County Historical Society, is an experienced Virginia researcher, specializing in the records of the Virginia Highlands—Alleghany, Bath, and Highland counties. He has contributed articles to the *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy* and his first book, *Alexander*

Hamilton, c1725–c1796, of Augusta and Bath Counties, Virginia; His Descendants: Volume II, Thomas Bird Hamilton, was published in December 1999. Mr. Hamilton recently retired from the Central Intelligence Agency after 30 years of service.

Marty Hiatt, CGRS researches in Northern Virginia and Washington, D.C. She edits and publishes *Northern Virginia Genealogy*, is the Executive Director of the Board for Certification of Genealogists and president of the Loudoun (Virginia) Genealogy Society.

Peggy Shomo Joyner, CG has published five genealogies, a volume of German church records and the widely acclaimed five-volume set of Northern Neck surveys and grants. A frequent contributor to the *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy*, she has been a certified genealogist for twenty-five years and is a nationally-known speaker on German research and Northern Neck land records.

Teresa Kelley is currently serving as the president and newsletter editor of the Genealogical Society of Page County, Virginia. She is a recent graduate of the NGS home study course, a member of several genealogical and historical societies in Virginia and North Carolina, and teaches an introductory genealogy course through the Office of Continuing Education, Manassas Campus, Northern Virginia Community College.

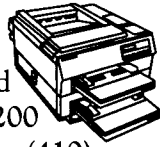
Barbara Vines Little, CG is a professional researcher and lecturer, editor of the *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy* and the VGS newsletter. She was Local Society Chair for the 1994 FGS Conference and Program Chair for the 1999 NGS Conference.

Jeanne Brydon Robinson began genealogy twenty years ago and has been focusing most recently on the Rucker family. She is the daughter of Sudie Rucker Wood who wrote the definitive genealogy of that family. Jeanne is currently working to update that book. She is the past president of the Genealogical Research Institute of Virginia and current president of the Rucker Family Society.

shipping for the first item, \$1.50 each additional item; Md. residents add 5% sales tax.

During the period that these lists cover, people were taxed on horses and slaves in addition to paying a head or poll tax. These lists which, although not identified as such, are probably taken from the state copy of the tax lists cover all of the information in the tax lists as well as the lists of merchants' and other licenses usually found at the end of each volume. The lists are complete for each year except 1808 when no tax was taken. Researchers can track individuals over a fifteen year period noting increases or decreases in wealth and additions to the number of tithables. bvl

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The following books can be ordered from Clearfield Company, Inc., 200 E. Eager St., Baltimore, MD 21202; (410) 625-9004. Please include \$3.50 shipping for the first item, \$1.50 each additional item; Md. residents add 5% sales tax.

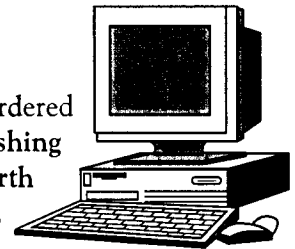
Eugenia G. Glazebrook and Preston G. Glazebrook, *Virginia Migrations, Hanover County, Volume 1, 1723-1850, Wills, Deeds, Depositions, Invoices, Letters and Other Documents of Historical and Genealogical Interest; Volume 2, 1743-1871, Wills, Deeds, Depositions, Letters, Marriages, Obituaries, Estates for Sale, Absentee Land Owners and Other Documents of Historical and Genealogical Interest* (2 vols. in one) (1943, 1949, reprinted 2000) xiv, 101, 9, xviii, 110, 19 pp.; maps; full-name index; softcover; perfect-bound; \$26.50.

Hanover, formed in 1720 from New Kent, is one of our more badly burned counties; little survives of the Colonial period. The Glazebrooks collected fragments of surviving records primarily from the papers of the U.S. District Court at Richmond. Other sources included newspapers, a list of marriages found at the Library of Virginia and a list of non-resident taxpayers extrapolated from the 1814-15 land tax books. Since most of the court records involve chancery suits, the information derived is far more detailed than the typical court case. This book has been unavailable for a number of years; we are delighted to see it back in print. bvl

Worth S. Ray, *Ray's Index and Digest to Hathaway's North Carolina Historical and Genealogical Register with Genealogical Notes and Annotations* (1945, reprinted 2000) vii, 192 pp.; softcover; perfect-bound; \$22.50.

Originally published under the title *The Lost Tribes of North Carolina, Part I: Index and Digest to...*, this volume should probably be called an addendum rather than an index. While it does provide an indexed access of sorts to the over 1700 pages that comprised *Hathaway's Register*, its "sidebars" and "genealogical notes" which appear throughout the volume provide additional data regarding the family. Data which is, we might add, not indexed; although some of it is listed in the Table of Contents. Testing to determine what was and was not included would be a monumental task, suffice it to say that one can find a sidebar discussing the Vines family under Harrison. An effort was made to index all of the items that did not appear in alphabetical lists. And, if one can overcome the difficulties created by reproducing the poor type of the original volume, one might just find some answers to one's sticky research questions. bvl

Computer Corner



The following CDs can be ordered from Genealogical Publishing Company, Inc., 1001 North Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202; 800-296-6687.

Please include \$3.50 shipping for the first book and \$1.25 for each additional book. Maryland residents add 5% sales tax; Michigan, 6%.

System requirements: CD-ROM drive, Family Tree Maker 3.02 for Windows or Power Mac or Family Archive Viewer for Windows (available free of charge upon request).

Family Tree Maker's CD No. 268, *Scottish Immigrants to North America, 1600s-1800s: The Collected Works of David Dobson* (1999) 16 volumes; pages are graphic images; consolidated index; \$39.99.

According to the promotional blurb, this CD contains information on approximately 70,000 Scottish immigrants to the United States and Canada. That's a lot of names, but then this CD contains sixteen volumes compiled by David Dobson and

originally published by Genealogical Publishing Company. As is typical of this type of CD, the books are represented as graphic images and a single compiled index provides access to specific pages which can either be read, printed or copied and pasted to another program. Included on this CD are *The Original Scots Colonists of Early America, 1612–1783* whose information was taken from a variety of private and public records in the British Isles. The information provided varies but can include any of the following name, date of birth or baptism, place of birth, occupation, place of education, cause of banishment (where applicable), residence, parents' names, emigration date and whether voluntarily or involuntarily transported, port of embarkation, destination, name of ship, place and date of arrival, place of settlement, names of spouse and children, date and place of death, where buried, probate record, and source citation. *The Original Scots Colonists of Early America, Supplement, 1607–1707*, *The Original Scots Colonists, Caribbean Supplement, 1611–1707* continue this series. The seven volume series *Directory of Scottish Settlers in North America, 1625–1825* pulls information from a variety of sources including ship passenger lists and newspapers to provide lists of immigrants. *Scots on the Chesapeake* lists Scots who emigrated between 1607 and 1830 to Virginia and Maryland. Scottish settlers in the Carolinas are found in *Directory of Scots in the Carolinas, 1680–1830*. *Directory of Scots Banished to the American Plantations, 1650–1775* includes Scots involved in both the English Civil War and the Jacobite rebellions. *Scottish Soldiers in Colonial America* includes members of a number of Highland regiments who fought in the French and Indian War. *Scots in the West Indies, 1707–1857* and *Scots in the U.S.A. and Canada* round out the collection. While finding a name in this collection is only the beginning of task, having all of the names in this collection easily accessible in one place certainly reduces the amount of time needed to survey the published literature. bvl

Family Tree Maker's CD No. 651, *Land and Tax Records: Ohio, 1787–1840* (1999) 5 books; pages are graphic images; consolidated index; \$29.95.

This CD contains Ellen T. Berry and David A. Berry's three volume series on Ohio land records: *Early Ohio Settlers, Purchasers of Land in Southeastern Ohio, 1800–1840*; *Early Ohio Settlers, Purchasers of Land in Southwestern Ohio, 1800–1840*; *Early Ohio*

Settlers, Purchasers of Land in East and East Central Ohio, 1800–1840. The data is taken from the Marietta, Cincinnati and Zanesville land office records and includes the name and residence of the purchaser, the date of purchase and the range, township and section of the purchased land.

In addition, Albion M. Dyer's *First Ownership of Ohio Lands* provides information on 1,000 associates of the Ohio Company who purchased lands on the Muskingum River between 1788–1792 as well as a lengthy essay on the history of the settlement of these lands. The final volume is Esther Weygandt Powell's *Early Ohio Tax Records Reprinted with 'The Index to Early Ohio Tax Records*. These are essentially lists of names; there is little or no accompanying data. While the amount of information is not as extensive as in the previous CD, it is a resource which can be used to place an individual of a certain name in a specific area of Ohio at a given date and the land records will sometimes even supply a place of origin. bvl

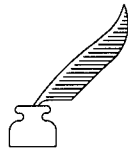
Family Tree Maker's CD No. 509, *Genealogical Records: North Carolina Wills, 1665–1900* (1999) 4 books; pages are graphic images; consolidated index; \$29.95.

Although the blurb on the back of the CD case states, "These records range from abstracts to full, unabridged texts of wills." This is not the case. One volume contains transcriptions of selected wills from the state records (pre-1760); two provide what are called abstracts; however the second volume just lists the names of the devisees; the final volume simply lists the testator, the county in which the will was recorded, the year of recordation, the volume and page number of the recorded copy and where the original may be found if extant. And, only probated wills are listed, abstracted or transcribed. With few exceptions, probate records for intestate estates are not included. While researchers will much appreciate the access to a statewide list of probated wills, they will certainly be led astray by the promotional blurb on the CD case—and this is unfortunate. Those who place their orders through Genealogical Publishing Company will get a more accurate picture of what they are receiving; however, here to there is a reference to "individuals cited in wills, administrations and inventories." There appear to be a total of forty-nine inventories—all pre-1760 and many are for estates for which there is a will. This CD contains the full-text of Thornton W. Mitchell's *North Carolina Wills: A Testator Index, 1665–1900*; J. Bryan Grimes's *Abstract of North Carolina Wills [1663–1760]*

Compiled from *Original and Recorded Wills in the Office of the Secretary of State*; Fred A. Olds's *An Abstract of North Carolina Wills from About 1760 to About 1800 Supplementing Grimes' Abstracts of North Carolina Wills 1663-1760 Prepared from the Original Wills and Other Data*; and J. Bryan Grimes's *North Carolina Wills and Inventories Copied from Original and Recorded Wills and Inventories in the Office of the Secretary of State*. bvl

Archives Notes

On your next visit to the Library, here are some items to check.



Additions to the microfilm collection in the coming months will include records for the census of 1900 for the states of Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Texas. These additions bring our microfilm collection of non-Virginia census records to the beginning of the twentieth century for 20 Southeastern and Midwestern states where many Virginians moved. The staff is currently assessing the research usefulness of census records for other states outside the areas of our concentration. Census schedules for Virginia to 1920 and for these new census records to 1900 are available for patron use in the microfilm reading area.

The twenty-eighth *Annual Report of Archival Accessions: 1 July 1998-30 June 1999* is now available. The report provides researchers with information about the 417 cubic feet of materials received during the period. Included is information on 144 family Bible records and 142 collections of genealogical notes and charts. The report is available on the Library's Web site (<http://www.lva.lib.va.us>) and may be ordered for \$3.00 by writing to The Library Shop, Library of Virginia, 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, Va. 23219-8000.

Two new archival research notes and one resource guide prepared by staff members are available free of charge. Research Notes No. 9, *Virginia Naturalization, 1657-1776*, prepared by J. Christian Kolbe, details the process for naturalization and describes useful research sources. Research Notes No. 10, *Using Women's History Sources in the Archives at the Library of Virginia*, compiled by Jennifer Davis McDaid, describes information found in major archival record groups relating to the role of women in

Virginia history. Davis also prepared *Virginia Women in the First World War: Records and Resources at the Library of Virginia*. This resource guide describes specific archival collections, books, articles, posters and photographs detailing the role of women in the First World War.

Virginia's long and rich history is documented by thousands of maps that trace the discovery, settlement, expansion, and growth of the commonwealth. No comprehensive atlas of the entire state has ever been published. *Virginia in Maps: Four Centuries of Settlement, Growth, and Development* fills that void. Edited by Richard W. Stephenson and Archives Research Services map specialist Marianne M McKee, the volume provides access to 187 of the most important maps of the colony and of the state in a single, large-format volume. Five essays by leading cartographic scholars accompany more than 200 color plates and extensive captions, making *Virginia in Maps* the premier publication of the Library during 2000. The handsome volume is available from The Library Shop at \$90.00.

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State Archivist

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Papers, 1842-1873 of Thomas R. Ware as purser in the U. S. Navy and a merchant in Fredericksburg
Financial records, 1847-1879 of Livingston P. Noell, merchant of Pittsylvania County
Letter, 1843 of Lilburn Henderon Trigg to Charles A. Wickliffe concerning the practice of law while serving as postmaster of Lynchburg and the duties of a postmaster
Papers, 1848-1961 of the Otey family in Virginia, Tennessee and Washington, D. C., including records of Bishop James Hervey Otey, Elizabeth

- Ripley (Otey) Compton, and Pattie Otey (Compton) Warden
 Papers, 1863–1864 of Abner Dawson Ford of Charlotte County concerning his service in Moorman's (later Shoemaker's) Battery of Virginia Heavy Artillery, Confederate States Army, in Maryland and Virginia
- Commonplace book, 1865 of Albert Gallatin Williams as a Confederate States Army prisoner of war at Johnson's Island, Ohio, and the Old Capitol Prison in Washington, D. C.
- Papers, 1877–1919 of James P. Still as a merchant in Brosville, Pittsylvania County
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- Papers, 1911–1953, of Katherine Terrell Nuffer primarily concerning her attendance at Miss Turnbull's School for Girls in Norfolk, 1949–1953
- Papers, 1942–1946 of Clinton Webb of Richmond concerning his service in the U. S. Army and the Office of Strategic Services
- Papers, 1946–1953 of Elise Bessie (Hofheimer) Wright concerning her student life at Miss Turnbull's School for Girls in Norfolk
- Records, 1951–1953 of the News Leader Current Events Class, Richmond, founded by Dr. Douglas Southall Freeman (later the Forum Club)
- Records, 1954–1967, of the Forum Club of Richmond
- Records, 1968–1969 of the Monique Nursing Training Center, Richmond concerning the operations of a school and employment agency for African–American graduates in practical nursing

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.

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PARSONS: Seek par of Robert Parsons, b 1720 Surry Co, m 1740, d Sept 1777 Sussex Co. Also need surname of his wife Eleanor. **Bernice F. White, 506 Glendale Ave, Houma, LA 70360-7320.**

MARSHALL, NEAL: Seek info on Josiah W. Marshall, b VA ca 1798, m Nancy T. Neal, 12 June 1823 (by Silas Shelbourne) in Lunenburg Co. Josiah shows up in Madison Co, AL in 1836; census records indicate he may have been there in 1827. Did he have a brother, Francis Marshall? Would appreciate any info on this family or the Neal family. **Judith M. Kemper, 2706 Johnson St, Las Cruces, NM 88005.**

CRISPEN, BUFORD: Shelton Crispin m Lettice _?_ prior to 1739 supposedly in Middlesex Co. Lettice is said to have been a Buford. Is there any proof? **Shirley Olsson, PO Box 300, West Point, VA 23181.**

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

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WILLIAMS, ANDERSON: Seek info on John Williams who d 1806 in Shelby Co, KY. When and where did he m Susannah Anderson? Need dates and spouse of their dau Lucy Anderson Williams (of VA and KY). Chronology would suggest that she is not the Lucy Williams who m Bartlett Searcy (I) of VA, Granville Co, NC, and Madison Co, KY. **Winifred Jacob, 5200 SW Colony Ct, Beaverton, OR 97005; 503-643-6393.**

SATTERWHITE: John Satterwhite Jr, b 15 Feb 1700 Drisdale Parish Caroline Co, d 1779 Essex Co. Seek surname of his wife Ann who d 1787 Essex Co. **Bernice F. White, 506 Glendale Ave, Houma, LA 70360-7320.**

HUSKISON/HUSKISSON: Seek info on John W. Huskison, b VA ca 1814 -1816, m/1 ?_ poss Jefferson Co, VA. Ch: James Harvey (b TN 8 Jan 1839, d MO 6 Feb 1915); George Washington (b 10 Feb 1845, d 1 Feb 1896). Need name of w/1 and info on their son George Washington. John W. Huskison, m/2 11 Dec 1845 Granger Co, KY, Amanda A. Senter (b TN 1829). Ch: Attison A. (b 1849); Joseph H. (b 1852); Nancy K. (b 1858). Welcome any info on Amanda and the three ch. **Jean Engle, 10620 SW Davies Rd, #8, Beaverton, OR 97008; 503-521-0337; Jengle8636@aol.com.**

WILKINSON, RANDOLPH: Samuel Wilkinson m Mary Randolph in Nottoway Co and their dau, Mary Randolph Wilkinson, was b ca 1793. She m Stephen Kent who was b 1777. Unable to find marriage records. Can anyone help? Also seek par and other info on Mary Randolph. **Shirley Olsson, PO Box 300, West Point, VA 23181.**

BOONE, SEARCY, WILLIAMS: Seek par, dates, and geography of Daniel Boone (famous KY pioneer and Indian scout). Was he s/o Squire Boone (Sr?) and Sarah Morgan? Did Sarah Morgan have a sis, Nancy, who m John Searcy of VA? John and Nancy Searcy had sons Bartlett (I) and Reuben, both b in VA ca 1720 -1730. When, where did Bartlett (I) m Lucy and was she a sis of Judge John Williams? Was Bartlett (I) a first cousin of Daniel Boone of KY? **Winifred Jacob, 5200 SW Colony Ct, Beaverton OR 97005; 505-643-6393.**

HANCOCK: Seek info on Hancock family, early settlers, Princess Anne Co. In particular, desc of William Hancock of Jamestown Massacre (1622),

and son Augustine (need marriage info, ch, and desc). **Blanche Hancock Turlington, 1155 Hancock Rd, Crossett, AR 71635; blanche_turlington@hotmail.com.**

CREASY, WILKS: Seek info on pre-1850 ancs of Bird Smith Creasey (b VA 1815) and wife Nancy J. Wilks (b VA 1819). They resided Greenup Co, KY, 1854 when 8th child, Mariah Adeline Creasey, was born. Family moved to IL in 1855. **Beth Foster, 624 4th Ave, NW, Moose Jaw, SK S6H 3W6, CANADA.**

BROADWATER, PIPER: Seek bp/par/ancs and immigration info on Cornelius Broadwater and wife Virginia Piper. A 1891 writing by Amos Broadwater states (in summary) ... Cornelius and Virginia emigrated from England, married, settled in Loudoun Co, and had ch: Guy, Sallie, Charles, William, Nancy, Elizabeth, Jennie, Samuel. All were b in Loudoun Co (below Leesburg, near Carter's mill). Family moved to Allegany Co, MD, ca 1807 -1811. Any help appreciated. **Lois A. Shuck, 2550 Pine Hill Rd, Meyersdale, PA 15552-5922; 814-634-5153.**

BRIDGEWATER, WYNNE, RIDER, SANDERS: Seek any info on Benjamin Phillip Bridgewater (b 1808, Halifax Co); Henry Wynne (b VA, ca 1799); Reuben Rider (b 1754, Shenandoah Co); Alexander Sanders Tucker (b VA, ca 1799). **Kathryn T. Dickenson, 2335 Lovitt Dr, Memphis, TN 38119.**

HANCOCK: Robert Hancock (b ca 1711, Princess Anne Co) m Ann (Mitchuson) Newton (b ca 1710,

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> = married 1st, married 2nd...
<i>bur</i> =buried	<i>moth</i> =mother
<i>ca</i> =circa	<i>par</i> =parent(s)
<i>ch</i> =child(ren)	<i>poss</i> =possibly
<i>Co</i> =county	<i>prob</i> =probably
<i>cos</i> =counties	<i>sib</i> =sibling(s)
<i>d</i> =died	<i>sis</i> =sister(s)
<i>dau</i> =daughter	<i>s/o</i> =son of
<i>decd</i> =deceased	<i>wid</i> =widow
<i>desc</i> =descendant	<i>w/1, w/2, etc.</i> =wife one, wife two...
<i>dp</i> =death place	<i>w/o</i> =wife of
<i>d/o</i> =daughter of	
<i>fam</i> =family	
<i>fath</i> =father	

same county). Ch: Robert, Mary, Martha, Elizabeth. Ann and ch left VA and settled in Fairfield Co, SC, ca 1750s. When did they marry? Was there divorce? Did Robert have other wives, children? **Blanche Hancock Turlington**, 1155 Hancock Rd, Crossett, AR 71635; blanche_turlington@hotmail.com.

FOSTER, SHEPHERD: Seek info on pre-1850 ancs of George Foster (b 1803, Botetourt Co) and wife Mary Shepherd (b 1802, same county). Living in St. Joseph's Co, MI, when son R. Floyd Foster was born. Family moved to McDonough Co, IL, in 1851. **Beth Foster**, 624 4th Ave, NW, Moose Jaw, SK, S6H 3W6, CANADA.

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