

# Virginia Genealogical Society Publication Catalog



P.O. Box 626  
Orange, Virginia 22960-0365

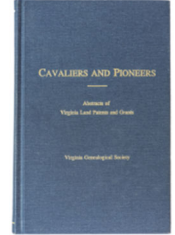
Revised April 2023

Orders may be placed by visiting our online store at [vgs.org](https://vgs.org).  
Unless otherwise noted, VGS members receive 20% off regular prices.

## STATE-WIDE PUBLICATIONS

### ***Cavaliers and Pioneers (C&P) Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants, Volumes 4 through 8 1732-1782. Denis Hudgins, editor.***

Read more about this valuable series in an article, “*Cavaliers and Pioneers: Not Just a Record of Land Patents*,” written by Barbara Vines Little, CG, FNGS, FUGA, FVGS, for *The VGS Newsletter* [https://www.vgs.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/CandP\\_Article.pdf](https://www.vgs.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/CandP_Article.pdf). Each volume contains an Introduction that includes information about Virginia’s history, migrations, and settlements as well as the process for obtaining land both before and after the Revolutionary War. The introductions are written by prominent Virginia historians and researchers such as Daphne Gentry, Robert Young Clay, and John M. Hemphill II.



**Volume IV:** This continuation of Nell Marion Nugent's work begins with Patent Book 15, and covers the years 1732–1741. xxxviii + 393 pp., cloth; (1994). ISBN: 1-888192-10-0 **\$30.00**

**Volume V:** This continuation of Nell Marion Nugent's work begins with Patent Book 20, and covers the years 1741–1749. xii + 477 pp., cloth; (1995). ISBN: 1-888192-11-9 **\$30.00**

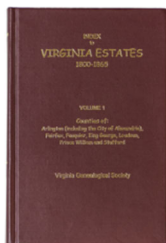
**Volume VI:** This continuation of Nell Marion Nugent's work begins with Patent Book 29, and covers the years 1749–1762. xxii + 552 pp., cloth; (1998). ISBN: 1-888192-12-7 **\$40.00**

**Volume VII:** This continuation of Nell Marion Nugent's work covers Patent Books 35 through 42, 1762–1776. xc + 489 pp., cloth; (1999). ISBN: 1-888192-13-5 **\$40.00**

**Volume VIII:** This continuation of Nell Marion Nugent's work covers Grant Books A-F, 1779–1782. xxxii + 412 pp, cloth (2005). ISBN: 1-888192-14-3 **\$35.00**

**Note:** C&P Volumes 1 through 3, covering the years 1623–1732 and a supplement covering Northern Neck Grants from 1690–1692, abstracted by Nell Marion Nugent and published by the Library of Virginia, are available for sale from The Virginia Shop at the Library of Virginia (<https://www.thevirginiashop.org/>).

### ***Index to Virginia Estates 1800–1865, Volumes 1 through 10. Wesley E. Pippenger, compiler.***



Each volume contains a list of all estate records found in the listed city or county will books. The primary resource of information is the Library of Virginia’s microfilm; however, where will books are missing other estate records may be identified and used including, when feasible, both original and unrecorded wills, bonds of various types, appraisals, inventories, accounts, guardianships, guardianship accounts, estate divisions, plats, appointments of officials, and more. Each entry found for an estate is indexed separately noting the source. Wesley E. Pippenger, compiler of this series, inquired at each location whether original loose wills had survived in bulk and their whereabouts. Where possible, loose papers at a courthouse were examined for unrecorded wills. The location of original wills in public or private archives or manuscript collections is noted when known. **If you are only interested in purchasing a volume or volumes that contain the counties and cities of interest to your research, consider purchasing volume 10 as well.** In addition to the counties included in volume 10, this volume also contains an addendum of references to suits found in chancery causes and a few additions and corrections to other volumes. For an alphabetical list of locations by volume, please see page 9 of this catalog.

This ten-volume series contains 402,522 index entries in 7,081 printed pages, including 322 pages of prefatory materials. A comparison of selected entries by location and volume is available on the VGS website [https://www.vgs.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/VAEstates\\_Comparison.pdf](https://www.vgs.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/VAEstates_Comparison.pdf).

**Note:** This series was originally published with a maroon-colored cloth cover (hardback). Reprinted volumes are published with a white, paper cover unless otherwise noted.

**Here's what reviewers have to say about this series:**

"Normally, a book review *ends* with a "buy" or "don't" recommendation. The series of which this is the first volume, however, will be such a boon to Virginia researchers that this review *begins* with the following recommendation: "buy it immediately"; and enter a standing order with the Society for automatic purchase of subsequent volumes as they are published." – **Helen F.M. Leary, CG, CGL, FASG**

"Virginia researchers will find this work to be an extremely helpful reference that enables them to locate records quickly and efficiently. When the series of *Index to Virginia Estates* is complete, Pippenger and the Virginia Genealogical Society will have compiled a valuable finding aid for Virginia families in the first two-thirds of the nineteenth century. In addition, with its many references to previously unindexed records, the series will enable researchers to locate records easily that previously would have required extensive research. Serious Virginia genealogists and historians should have this work at hand and all Virginia researchers will use it frequently." – **Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D., CG, CGL**

"Imagine having 41,000 records in one index and 4,602 of them references to wills in the southwest part of Virginia. And even more helpful are the more than 3,800 guardianship bonds, and 295 military records appearing in Pippenger's third volume of this projected ten-volume series. This is a book to buy without question, and not just for Virginians looking for their ancestors, but for those in Kentucky, Indiana, Tennessee, Missouri, Texas, and other such places where the only reference to the birthplace of their ancestors is "in Virginia." – **Mary B. Kegley** (from her review of volume 3)

**Volume 1** covers the counties of Arlington (including the City of Alexandria), Fairfax, Fauquier, King George, Loudoun, Prince William, and Stafford. xx + 591 pp., cloth; (2001). *ISBN: 1-888192-30-5* **\$40.00**

**Volume 2** covers the counties of Clarke, Culpeper, Frederick, Greene, Madison, Orange, Page, Rappahannock, Shenandoah, Spotsylvania, and Warren, and the Cities of Fredericksburg and Winchester. xxiv + 849 pp., cloth; (2001). *ISBN: 1-888192-31-3* **\$45.00**

**Volume 3** covers the counties of Bland, Buchanan, Carroll, Craig, Dickenson, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Grayson, Henry, Lee, Montgomery, Patrick, Pulaski, Roanoke, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington, Wise, and Wythe. xxxvi + 683 pp., cloth; (2002). *ISBN: 1-888192-32-1* **\$40.00**

**Volume 4** covers the Counties of Albemarle, Alleghany, Amherst, Bath, Botetourt, Buckingham, Fluvanna, Highland, Nelson, and Rockbridge. xxviii + 634 pp., paper (2003; reprint, 2022). *ISBN: 978-1-888192-53-7* **\$32.00**

**Volume 5** covers the counties of Appomattox, Bedford, Campbell, Charlotte, Halifax, Pittsylvania, and the City of Lynchburg. xxvi + 547 pp., paper; (2004; reprint, 2022). *ISBN: 978-1-888192-54-4* **\$32.00**

**Volume 6** covers the counties of Augusta and Rockingham, and the City of Staunton. approx. 580 pp., cloth; (2005). *ISBN: 1-888192-35-6* **\$40.00**

**Volume 7** covers the counties of Amelia, Brunswick, Cumberland, Goochland, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Nottoway, Powhatan, and Prince Edward. xxvi + 674 pp., paper; (2006, reprint 2022). *ISBN: 978-1-888192-55-1 \$32.00*

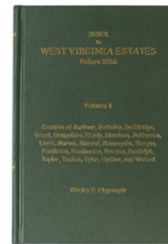
**Volume 8** covers the counties of Charles City, Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, Greensville, Henrico, James City, Prince George, and Surry and the Cities of Petersburg, Richmond, and Williamsburg. xxxiv + 702 pp., paper; (2007, reprint 2022). *ISBN: 978-1-888192-56-8 \$32.00*

**Volume 9** covers the counties of Accomack, Elizabeth City, Isle of Wight, Nansemond, Norfolk, Northampton, Princess Anne, Southampton, Warwick, and York, and the Cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth. xxxvi + 738 pp., cloth; (2008). *ISBN: 978-1-888192-38-4 \$50.00*

**Volume 10** covers the counties of Caroline, Essex, Gloucester, Hanover, King and Queen, King William, Lancaster, Louisa, Mathews, Middlesex, New Kent, Northumberland, Richmond, and Westmoreland. Also, this volume includes an addendum of wills found in chancery suits since earlier locations were published, and a few corrections and additions. lxiii + 769 pp., cloth; (2010). *ISBN: 978-1-888192-39-1 \$50.00*

***Index to West Virginia Estates Before 1866, Volumes 1 and 2. Wesley E. Pippenger, compiler.***

This two-volume series covers the entire state. Entries begin with the formation of the county, many of which predate 1800. However, because Mineral County was not formed until 1866, no entries for its records are included. Records are included for Preston County because the pertinent records for that location were destroyed by fire when the courthouse in Kingwood burned in 1869.



The primary source for entries is bound will books. When coverage by will books is insufficient, i.e. record loss or damage, additional types of records are used. For instance, in Berkeley County, because will books numbers 11, 16, 18, 19, and 20 were not found, the compiler examined loose wills and bonds for clues about estates. Each index entry identifies the name of the deceased (or the subject of the estate in the case of guardianships or dower), the county in which the original record is found, the year the record was recorded, and the source citation. Introductory pages provide details about the source records that are used, the corresponding Family History Library or Library of Virginia microfilm reel numbers for viewing a copy of the record, and a list of abbreviations.

In addition to the county will books, volumes of other estate record books such as administration and guardian bond books, fiduciary record books, guardian account books, inventories, sales bills, settlement books, and loose wills are indexed.

Users will find this series especially helpful in accessing the online copies of will books and other estate records now available through *FamilySearch*. While *FamilySearch* provides an index to the will books, the index does not include all entries for an estate settlement. The 1787 will of John Jackson of Berkeley County, for example, is in the *FamilySearch* index and the Pippenger index. However, Pippenger's index also includes the book and page number for the executor bond for John Jackson's estate and the location of Jackson's "loose" (original) will—both records are available on *FamilySearch* but not yet indexed. For an alphabetical list of locations by volume, please see page 10 of this catalog.

**Volume 1** covers the counties of Barbour, Berkeley, Doddridge, Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Harrison, Jefferson, Lewis, Marion, Mineral, Monongalia, Morgan, Pendleton, Pocahontas, Preston, Randolph, Taylor, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, and Wetzel (2013), xl + 544 pp.; cloth; Smythe-sewn; map. *ISBN: 978-1-888192-42-1 \$50.00*

**Volume 2** covers the counties of Boone, Braxton, Brooke, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Fayette, Gilmer, Greenbrier, Hancock, Jackson, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Monroe, Nicholas, Ohio, Pleasants, Putnam, Raleigh, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Wayne, Webster, Wirt, Wood, and Wyoming (2013), (50) + 350 pp.; cloth; Smythe-sewn; map. *ISBN: 978-1-888192-43-7* **\$50.00**

***Death Notices from Richmond, Virginia, Newspapers, 1821-1840. The Virginia Genealogical Society.***

No provision existed to keep records of death prior to 1853. However, clues may be gleaned from isolated church papers, family Bibles, or newspapers. **Death notices in the Richmond area newspapers were not limited to the immediate vicinity but are a statewide reference.** Some of the newspapers consulted for this publication were not digitized at the time of publication and may or may not be available digitally now; however, copies are available on microfilm at the Library of Virginia. (1987) Reformatted for CD. (2016). **\$15.00**

***Death Notices from Richmond, Virginia, Newspapers, 1841-1853. Wesley E. Pippenger.***



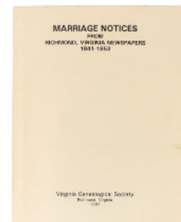
No provision existed to keep records of death prior to 1853. However, clues may be gleaned from isolated church papers, family Bibles, or newspapers. **Death notices in the Richmond area newspapers were not limited to the immediate vicinity but are a statewide reference.** Some of the newspapers consulted for this publication were not digitized at the time of publication and may or may not be available digitally now; however, copies are available on microfilm at the Library of Virginia. vi + 533 pp., cloth; (2002). *ISBN: 1-888192-04-6* **\$35.00**

***Marriage Notices from Richmond, Virginia, Newspapers, 1821-1840. The Virginia Genealogical Society***

Although marriages were kept as a public record in Virginia prior to 1853, parents were not listed unless the bride or groom was underage. These notices provide additional details for marriages recorded elsewhere. In some cases, they provide the only record of the nuptials. **Notices are not limited to Richmond but announce marriages that occurred throughout the state.** Some of the newspapers consulted for this publication were not digitized at the time of publication and may or may not be available digitally now; however, copies are available on microfilm at the Library of Virginia. 238 pp., paper; (1988). *ISBN: 1-888192-01-1* \$20.00 **Out of Print**

***Marriage Notices from Richmond, Virginia, Newspapers, 1841-1853. The Virginia Genealogical Society.***

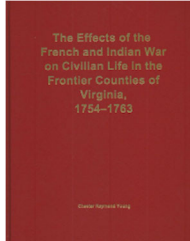
Although marriages were kept as a public record in Virginia prior to 1853, parents were not listed unless the bride or groom was underage. These notices provide additional details for marriages recorded elsewhere. In some cases, they provide the only record of the nuptials. **Notices are not limited to Richmond but announce marriages that occurred throughout the state.** Some of the newspapers consulted for this publication were not digitized at the time of publication and may or may not be available digitally





now; however, copies are available on microfilm at the Library of Virginia. 360 pp., paper; (1997). ISBN: 1-888192-03-8 \$25.00

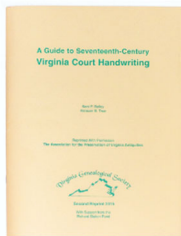
***The Effects of the French and Indian War on Civilian Life in the Frontier Counties of Virginia, 1754-1763. Chester Raymond Young.***



Focusing on a period when conflict drove many settlers out of the Valley of Virginia, the author's stated purpose was to describe the social effects the French and Indian War had upon civilian life in the Virginia frontier counties. It is a rich resource for those who had ancestors on Virginia's frontier during this period and helps to explain why some chose to abandon their homes there and flee back across the Blue Ridge or south in search of safety. The original dissertation was submitted by Mr. Young to Vanderbilt University in partial fulfillment of the requirement for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in History, in June 1969. With the permission of the author's widow, it was reformatted and indexed on behalf of the Virginia Genealogical Society by Wesley E. Pippenger. Maps and index added. xix + 251 pp., paper; (2018 reprint); ISBN 978-1-888192-19-3 \$20.00

**GENERAL VIRGINIA REFERENCE PUBLICATIONS**

***A Guide to 17th Century Virginia Court Handwriting. Kent P. Bailey and Ransom B. True.***



Handwritten documents can vary from easy to read to impossible. When the various letterforms of the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries (and even the early 19<sup>th</sup> century) are added to the mix many researchers just give up—even if it means not breaking down that brick wall. This handbook is a letterform-by-letterform guide to interpreting those impossible-to-read early colonial documents. While focusing on 17<sup>th</sup>-century Virginia court hand, many of these idiosyncratic letter forms were carried forward sometimes in a slightly altered format. The authors were self-taught—working together to parse out the words and collect information to be used in the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities' (APVA) Virginia Settlers Research Project. Enhanced by suggestions from a variety of researchers prior to its original publication in 1980, it provides multiple examples, not only of letterforms but also of common given names and document formats. Once out-of-print, the APVA granted the Virginia Genealogical Society permission to reprint the booklet, which is now in its second reprinting. 62 pp; paper; stapled. (1981) Reprint (2015) \$10.00

***Inheritance in Colonial Virginia, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Barbara Vines Little.***

*The solving of an ancestral brick wall can frequently be accomplished by carefully analyzing the transfer of title to property in light of the law of inheritance in effect at the time. Not only did this law change over time, but a number of factors influenced the determination of the heir(s). – Barbara Vines Little, CG, FNGS, FUGA, FVGS*

One of VGS's best-selling publications and written by a nationally recognized Virginia research expert, this publication covers the colonial and early post-colonial periods. Topics include primogeniture, degrees of consanguinity, the widow's dower, dower release, entailment, curtesy, intestate and testate inheritance. 30 pp; paper. 3d ed. (2014) \$15.00



***The Virginia Court System: A Genealogist's Guide to Early Courts (prior to 1851) and Where to Find the Records*, 3rd Ed. Marty Hiatt, Carolyn Hardin Goudie, and Barbara Vines Little.**



One of VGS's most popular publications, it covers the evolution of the Virginia state court system from its beginning to the present. It includes two pages of published sources for additional reference as well as a handy chart showing the different court names and dates of existence. Burned county researchers can check to see if their county of interest's appeal court was held in a district where the records survive. Every Virginia researcher should have this publication on their bookshelf. 3d ed. (2014; reprint 2022); ISBN 978-1-888192-07-0. 15 pp; paper. **\$10.00**

***Virginia Land Office Inventory*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed. Daphne S. Gentry, compiler. Revised and enlarged by John S. Salmon.**

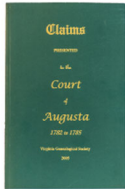
The Land Office inventory, created by Archives staff, was "designed to facilitate access to the records and contains an administrative history of the Land Office, a list of registers, a list of agents of the Northern Neck, and a glossary of terms." Each series of records is described in a paragraph that notes the size, date range, type of record, and information typically found in the record. One hundred forty separate record series are described. The records beginning with the dispersal of land to the early settlers and continuing to this day are the most complete of Virginia's record groups. Its records provide information on original landowners in burned record counties, migration patterns, and even military service. (1981; reprint 2001). **\$15.00**



VIRGINIA MARKET-WAGON.

## LOCALITY SPECIFIC PUBLICATIONS

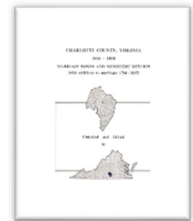
***Claims Presented to the Court of Augusta 1782–1785.* Clay Hamilton and Mary Hiatt, transcribers.**



These claims begin on 21 Mar 1782 and thus include claims created prior to that date and include both men and women. Claims range from pounds of beef, rifle guns, shot pouches, corn, bacon, flour, and rye, to horses and equipment, wagonage, pasturage, and driving cattle thus providing a window into an ancestor's life as well as support for their service to their country. 139 pp.; paper; (2005). ISBN: 1-888192-17-8. **\$20.00**

***Charlotte County, Virginia, 1816–1850 Marriage Bonds & Ministers' Returns (with additions to marriages, 1764–1815).* Joanne Lovelace Nance, compiler and editor.**

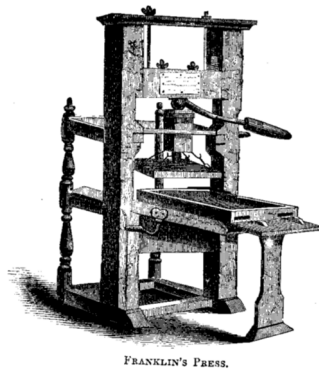
A sequel to *Marriage Bonds and Ministers' Returns of Charlotte County, Virginia, 1764–1815*, by Catherine Lindsay Knorr (1951); supplemental information includes data from guardianship accounts, and a list of ministers performing marriages in the county. viii + 172 pp.; paper; (1987). ISBN: 0-944334-00-8 **\$20.00**



***Middlesex County, Virginia, Marriage Bonds and Minister Returns, 1740-1852.* The Virginia Genealogical Society. (1999)**



A Northern Neck county, Middlesex lies between the Rappahannock and Piankatank rivers. It's bordered on the north by Essex County and on the south by the Chesapeake Bay. Created in 1674 from Lancaster County it, unlike most Virginia counties, had no further border changes. The marriage bonds and ministers' returns are, of course, not complete. For the years 1768, 1769, 1770, 1771, and 1841 no records exist. vi + 141 pp., paper; (1999). ISBN: 1-888192-03-8 **\$12.00**





# **INDEX TO VIRGINIA ESTATES** **ALPHABETICAL COUNTY LIST**

Location	Volume	Location	Volume	Location	Volume
Accomack	9	Giles	3	Page	2
Albemarle	4	Gloucester	10	Patrick	3
Alexandria (city)	1	Goochland	7	Petersburg (city)	8
Alleghany	4	Grayson	3	Pittsylvania	5
Amelia	7	Greene	2	Portsmouth (city)	9
Amherst	4	Greensville	8	Powhatan	7
Appomattox	5	Halifax	5	Prince Edward	7
Arlington	1	Hampton (city)	9	Prince George	8
Augusta	6	Hanover	10	Prince William	1
Bath	4	Henrico	8	Princess Anne	9
Bedford	5	Henry	3	Pulaski	3
Bland	3	Highland	4	Rappahannock	2
Botetourt	4	Isle of Wight	9	Richmond	10
Brunswick	7	James City	8	Richmond (city)	8
Buchanan	3	King and Queen	10	Roanoke	3
Buckingham	4	King George	1	Rockbridge	4
Campbell	5	King William	10	Rockingham	6
Caroline	10	Lancaster	10	Russell	3
Carroll	3	Lee	3	Scott	3
Charles City	8	Loudoun	1	Shenandoah	2
Charlotte	5	Louisa	10	Smyth	3
Chesterfield	8	Lunenburg	7	Southampton	9
Clarke	2	Lynchburg (city)	5	Spotsylvania	2
Craig	3	Madison	2	Stafford	1
Culpeper	2	Matthews	10	Staunton (city)	6
Cumberland	7	Mecklenburg	7	Surry	8
Dickenson	3	Middlesex	10	Sussex	8
Dinwiddie	8	Montgomery	3	Tazewell	3
Elizabeth City	9	Nansemond	9	Warren	2
Essex	10	Nelson	4	Warwick	9
Fairfax	1	New Kent	10	Washington	3
Fauquier	1	Norfolk	9	Westmoreland	10
Floyd	3	Norfolk (city)	9	Williamsburg (city)	8
Fluvanna	4	Northampton	9	Winchester (city)	2
Franklin	3	Northumberland	10	Wise	3
Frederick	2	Nottoway	7	Wythe	3
Fredericksburg (city)	2	Orange	2	York	9

## INDEX TO WEST VIRGINIA ESTATES ALPHABETICAL COUNTY LIST

Location	Volume	Location	Volume	Location	Volume	Location	Volume
Barbour	1	Mineral	1	Hancock	2	Ritchie	2
Berkeley	1	Mingo	2	Hardy	1	Roane	2
Boone	2	Monongalia	1	Harrison	1	Summers	2
Braxton	2	Monroe	2	Jackson	2	Taylor	1
Brooke	2	Morgan	1	Jefferson	1	Tucker	1
Cabell	2	Nicholas	2	Kanawha	2	Tyler	1
Calhoun	2	Ohio	2	Lewis	1	Upshur	1
Clay	2	Pendleton	1	Lincoln	2	Wayne	2
Doddridge	1	Pleasants	2	Logan	2	Webster	2
Fayette	2	Pocahontas	1	Marion	1	Wetzel	1
Gilmer	2	Preston	1	Marshall	2	Wirt	2
Grant	1	Putnam	2	Mason	2	Wood	2
Greenbrier	2	Raleigh	2	McDowell	2	Wyoming	2
Hampshire	1	Randolph	1	Mercer	2		

## Virginia is for Ancestors and the Virginia Genealogical Society is for Everyone Interested in Finding Them!

### Our membership is nationwide and dedicated to four primary goals:

- Promoting & fostering family history education & research
- Publishing genealogical information
- Providing educational opportunities
- Sharing accumulated knowledge

### Benefits of membership:

- The *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy* (published quarterly)
- The *Virginia Genealogical Society Newsletter* (published quarterly)
- Discounted registration for VGS Conferences
- 20% discount on Society publications
- Partnership discounts on genealogical products and services
- Members' only content on the VGS website

## Join Online at [vgs.org](http://vgs.org)

### Membership Dues

	Individual and Institutional	Family
1 year	\$40	\$45
2 years	\$75	\$85
3 years	\$110	\$125
Life (individuals only)	\$1,000	

All members receive an electronic version of the *Newsletter*. To receive a print copy, please add \$10 per year.  
All member categories have access to member-only content on the VGS website.