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LOUISA COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT RECORDS

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Since February of this year, the Circuit Court Clerk's Office of Louisa has been in temporary quarters in a building about two blocks west of the courthouse on Main Street in Louisa. The courthouse is being renovated and the clerk's office expects to return there in about two years.

From the records-keeping point of view, the county clerk has always been the most important local official.



Louisa County

He recorded the administrative and judicial activities of the court and of the other officers of the county. With a few exceptions, the records in the clerk's office are the original records

of the clerks and require careful handling. If you want copies ask a staff member if they will copy the records or if you can make copies yourself. Louisa's deputy clerks will usually let a researcher make his/her own copies after they are sure the person knows how to use the copier and is careful about putting the books back together properly. The copy charge is 50 cents per page.

The way deeds and wills are indexed varies from county-to-county in minor details, but generally all have the same type of records for a given time period, as the law directed their keeping. Some counties have their deeds indexed in chronological order with separate indexes for the grantee (buyer) and grantor (seller). There are separate indexes for wills, grantees, and grantors in Louisa County. A good reference for

ascertaining what records are extant for each Virginia county is George K. Schweitzer's *Virginia Genealogical Research* (1988).

It is important to know which branch of government made the law requiring a document to be created in order to know where that document might be found. Copies, of course, have been made of many documents and they can be found in places other than the branch of government that required their creation. An example is the federal census. The federal government ordered these records to be collected. Information was collected on the local level and then sent to the government. Some Virginia counties, such as Fluvanna, kept copies for the clerk's offices, but copies were not kept in Louisa.

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Louisa County Circuit Court Records cont'd from p. 1

Louisa County wills begin in 1742 and are indexed only by the name of the testator. An index of devisees begins about 1870. Will Book 4 is strange. The clerk used about half of the book for orders then turned it upside down and began writing wills. If you don't see wills when you open it, turn it over and begin reading from the other direction. In the general index for wills are entries for the OCC Book which is wills of the Circuit Court, 1810-1901. These were contested wills. There is also a small book of wills not fully proven for the period 1757-1902.

Louisa's deeds also begin when the county was formed from Hanover County in 1742 and there are no known gaps. Besides deeds transferring real property, you will find quit claim deeds, powers of attorney, bonds, bills of sale for personal property, contracts, indentures, etc. It is very important to read everything on the page because marginal notes are often significant. Most counties have their deeds indexed under the name of the grantor and grantee and if there were more than one of each, all names are indexed. This is usually the case in Louisa. The indexes are not, however, in strict alphabetical order, but alphabetical only to the first several letters of the surname, using vowels for breaks. Always go through the entire index to find all entries for a given surname, and, if a page is full, be sure to check the bottom of the page for a reference to another page at the back of the book.

If an administrator or guardian had been appointed, his name alone might appear and not the name of your ancestor who was the deceased or an orphan of the deceased. The same is true when a commissioner was appointed by the court to sell property. Another oddity exists when default in a deed of trust occurs. The trustee's name, not the name of the landowner, appears as grantor. If a suit is mentioned in a deed be sure to examine the case records. These will be found in the chancery suits and often include depositions which can be genealogical goldmines.

Tax records can be divided into three main types: real property, personal property, and a combination of the two. Often the only place you will find a person's name, if he did not own land, is on a personal property tax list. Louisa is divided into North Side which is west of the South Anna River and South Side which is east of the South Anna River. Corresponding land tax and personal property tax lists for the years 1788-1865 are in a file cabinet and also on microfilm in the sliding door cabinet in the record room. Researchers are encouraged to use the films because the originals are very brittle.

Criminal actions deal with the bringing of public offenders to justice. Crimes are defined and punishments are established by statute. Civil actions deal with the protection of individual rights and, generally speaking, every civil action involves two parties, plaintiff and defendant, opposed to each other for the recovery of a right or the redress of a wrong. In Virginia, these records of the courts of equity or chancery are kept under various designations, such as judgment suit, chancery suit, loose papers, etc. Judgment suits are poorly indexed as to the individuals' names. Most of the old records are indexed under the name of the plaintiff versus the defendant. Exhaustive depositions on family relationships are not unusual in judgment records so be thankful if your family had a disagreement with someone.

Louisa's chancery papers before 1766 are not extant. The records from 1766 to the early 1840s have been sent to the Library of Virginia and many of them have been microfilmed. Copies of these microfilms through 1800 are at the courthouse and an index to these films is in progress. There is a red loose leaf binder in the cabinet with the films containing this index. The index entitled ended chancery causes give the plaintiff(s) vs defendant(s), the date and the box where the suit is filed.

The court order books or minute books are the day-to-day records of what happened in the court, and refer to deeds and wills presented to be recorded, licenses applied for and granted, and suits and their depositions. Order books and minute books are seldom indexed and require page-by-page reading. The minute books have a few gaps but are mostly extant as are the order books.

Louisa's fiduciary accounts begin in 1852. Guardian bonds exist for 1767-1819 and 1836-1847. Marriage records begin in 1766 with books 1 and 2 indexed together, and book 3, 1865-1941, indexed separately. Birth records from 1872 to 1895 are stored in file boxes over the land tax records and there are microfilm copies of births and deaths for the period 1853-1896. Due to the poor condition of the Free Blacks Register, the original is not available. Ask one of the clerks for the published transcription.

The local historical society maintains a museum in the old jail adjacent to the courthouse. This museum is now open only on Saturdays and Sundays from 2-4 p.m.; the archives is not yet prepared for researchers. For membership information, write to the **Louisa County Historical Society, PO Box 172, Louisa, VA 23093**. The Society does not provide any genealogical research services; it does publish two magazines each year and copies are available at the Louisa County Public Library. *Louisa County Old Home Places* by Chisholm and Lillie has long been out-of-print. Mrs. Chisholm is working on a revised and enlarged edition, soon to be published. Louisa County is represented on the US Gen Web at web sites: <http://trevilians.com> and <http://monticello.avenue.gen.va.us/Library/JMRL/Louisa/>.

Mr. Dean Agee, County Clerk, is in the process of applying for a preservation grant under the Virginia Circuit Court Records Program through the Library of Virginia. When this grant is approved, the chancery papers beginning in the 1840s (that are now in the green boxes) will be flat filed and indexed which will preserve the papers and make them more accessible to the public.

VGS Calendar

1997

FGS Conference for the Nation's Genealogists
Date: September 3-6
Place: Dallas, Texas
VGS Workshop and Exhibit Booth

Fall Conference

Date: October 17-18
Place: Richmond, Virginia
Theme: Treasuring Virginia Records:
Preservation and Access

1998

NGS Conference in the States
Date: May 6-9
Place: Denver, Colorado
VGS Lecture and Exhibit Booth

Virginia Institute of Genealogical Research (VIGR)

Date: August 4-8
Place: Roslyn, Richmond, Virginia

1999

NGS Conference in the States
Date: To be announced
Place: Richmond, Virginia

VGS News Items & Announcements

The 1997 VGS Spring Conference, held on 4-5 April at Averett College in Danville, was well attended by more than 125 novice and experienced genealogists. Most registrants were from Virginia and North Carolina. Others came from Pennsylvania, Maryland, Michigan, Florida, New Jersey, Kentucky, California, Colorado, and Mississippi. More than 80% returned a conference evaluation questionnaire and those responding indicated the presentations by Mary McCampbell Bell and Craig Roberts Scott were informative and provided useful ideas for future research.

Genealogical vendors play an important role in the success of any conference. A special "thank you" is extended to **Iberian Publishing Company** (Athens, GA), **Margaret Hofmann Books** (Roanoke Rapids, NC), **Moobasi Inc.** (Charlotte, NC), **Creative Memories** (Danville), **Bookworm & Silverfish** (Wytheville), **The Library of Virginia** (Richmond), **VA-NC Piedmont Genealogical Society** (Danville), **Tailored Images** (Midlothian), and **Willow Bend Books** (Lovettsville).

A special thanks also goes to our congenial hosts for the hospitality extended to our members and guests —

MEET YOUR NEXT PRESIDENT

Wesley E. Pippenger, C.G., has been employed by the Federal Government for twenty years, and is a management analyst with the Office of Inspector General, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, in Washington, DC. He resides in Arlington, Virginia.

Wes has been active in genealogical research since 1970. Shortly after moving to the area from Colorado in 1982, he began to locate, study, catalog, and publish data about cemeteries in the Alexandria, Virginia area. Subsequent published works include abstracts of area court records, including marriage, death, land and probate, and legislative petitions. As a certified genealogist, he accepts a limited number of clients for research into issues involving the Northern Virginia and Washington, DC, metropolitan areas.

He is an active member of numerous historical and genealogical societies in Virginia and has served terms on the VGS Board as Recording Secretary and President-Elect. He has also contributed articles to the Society's *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy*, and, most recently, was instrumental in bringing to fruition a long-term VGS project — the publication of *Marriage Notices from Richmond, Virginia, Newspapers, 1841-1853*. On 1 July 1997, Wes will assume the office of president of the Virginia Genealogical Society. ◦

in particular, Ray Griffin, Danville City Manager, and members of the VA-NC Piedmont Genealogical Society (VA-NC PGS) who provided conference planners and attendees with a friendly smile and able assistance throughout the weekend. The VA-NC PGS is a progressive, growing society, and their genealogical resources housed in the Danville Public Library are outstanding.

During the Spring conference business meeting, the following were elected to the VGS Board: Barbara Vines Little (Orange), Vice-President; Nancy Gailey Heuser (Colonial Heights), Recording Secretary; J. Richard Morris (Richmond), Treasurer; Jean Pickett Hall (Richmond), Historian; and Mary Leigh Bosseau (Danville), Marty Hiatt (Lovettsville), and Marie Martin Murphy (Keswick), Governors-at-Large (1997-2000). Of this group, five were re-elected to positions currently held, and two, Marty Hiatt and Marie Murphy, will be new to the Board. To coincide with the Society's fiscal year, all will take office on 1 July.

Marty Hiatt is a Certified Genealogical Records Specialist (CGRS) who taught genealogy classes throughout the 1980s and has lectured at numerous local and national level seminars and conferences. She was the National Genealogical Society (NGS) Conference Chair for the 1994 conference in Houston, TX, and is currently serving as Executive Director of the Board for Certification of Genealogists (BCG). Marty belongs to a long list of major societies, including the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG), and has authored several books of Loudoun County, Virginia, records as well as cemetery and church records.

Marie Murphy has been involved in genealogy for some thirty years, the last twelve of which have been as a professional genealogist in Kentucky and Illinois. She is currently serving as Secretary of the Genealogical Speakers Guild (GSG) and has been Marketing Director and Region 2 Director for APG. She is also a member of various other societies and is an accomplished genealogical lecturer. Marie's family ties are Virginian; but, having lived in Kentucky most of her life, she also considers herself a Kentuckian. She moved to Virginia in 1996 and is actively pursuing her research interests in the Commonwealth.

Also effective 1 July, **Peggy Shomo Joyner** of Portsmouth and **Elizabeth Nuckols Lee** of King George will be completing their respective terms as VGS Governors-at-Large. The contributions made by these ladies in the past few years are much appreciated and have helped the Society attain many of its present and future goals.

Members are reminded that VGS has an awards program for recognizing deserving individuals and state-based societies and organizations for having made significant contributions to the genealogical community. These are not necessarily annual awards but will be presented when merited by a nominee. Application forms for nominating potential recipients for *The Virginia Records Awards*, *The Commonwealth Award*, and *Fellow of the Virginia Genealogical Society* (FVGS) may be obtained from the Society office after 1 June. Completed forms must be postmarked no later than 1 August 1997.

Old Virginia records suggest that the spelling of one's name was of little concern to many of our ancestors. This is certainly not true today and we offer a sincere apology to **Ruth Anne M. "Booty" Brooks** (life member), and **Mrs. William Bauer** (Virginia Records Fund contributor — in memory of Robert Thornton Fitzhugh) for spelling errors in the April *Newsletter*.

The VGS Fall Conference will be held at the (new) Library of Virginia (LVA) in Richmond, 17-18 October. The two-day program, "Treasuring Virginia Records: Preservation and Access," will consist of a variety of topics, including an introduction to what's new at LVA by Conley Edwards, State Archivist. As a welcomed adjunct to conference activities, the Friends of the Virginia State Archives will hold their annual meeting with an invited lecture and reception on Friday evening. Conference rates will be available at the Richmond Marriott Hotel (500 East Broad Street) which is within easy walking distance of The Library. Complete details and a registration form will be included in the August issue of this newsletter.

The Mining Your History Foundation (MYHF) will host a two-day genealogical extravaganza at The Cultural Center in Charleston, WV, on 11-12 July 1997. This event will feature 18 noted genealogists and historians speaking on 34 different topics pertaining to immigration and emigration to, from and through the Mountain State and its neighbors — Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Maryland. Researching in these states, and using the National Archives, the NSDAR Library, the Library of Congress, the West Virginia Archives & History Library, Virginia's manuscript collections, and assorted periodicals, newspapers, and passenger lists is but a "sneak preview" of the variety of topics being offered. Registration for both days is \$75.00 for MYHF members; \$94.00 for non-members. Member and non-member packages are also available for single-day registration: Friday (\$45.00, \$64.00) and Saturday (\$30.00, \$49.00). All prices include meals. Make checks payable to "MYHF Conference" and mail to **Mining Your History Foundation, PO Box 6923, Charleston, WV 25362**. For complete details about this conference, write to MYHF at the above address or call 304-269-7091.

Betty A. Pilson and Barbara C. Baughan recently announced a new publication entitled *Patrick County, Virginia, Birth Records, 1853-1869*. More than 3700 entries, alphabetized by the child's name,

Notes from Valley Forge...

At the National Genealogical Society's Conference in the States held in May in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, the Virginia Genealogical Society was presented the **NGS 1996 Newsletter Competition: First Place Award, State/Ethnic Society Category**. Publishing six issues a year is no small task, but with the generous support of numerous contributors the job of being a co-editor is greatly simplified.

We wish to thank Alice Carol Tuckwiller, Eric G. Grundset, Clay Hamilton, Marty Hiatt, CGRS, Mary B. Kegley, and Ellen A. Wandrei for writing feature articles on state-based libraries and societies during 1996. Appreciation also goes to Conley Edwards, State Archivist of the Library of Virginia, and E. Lee Shepard, Assistant Director and Senior Archivist of the Virginia Historical Society, for supplying timely updates on archival activities and recent accessions. Thanks also to Emily Rusk, VGS Executive Director, for invaluable contributions, and to Chris and Kathy Hooper for preparing queries, and providing typesetting and other publication services. And finally, thanks to our members — keep those queries and news items coming!

The VGS booth in the exhibits hall at the NGS conference was a busy place. Hundreds stopped by to ask questions, chat about their Virginia ancestors, and make purchases. It was with pleasure that we visited with old friends, met many VGS members face-to-face, and welcomed 15 new members to the Society. A very special thanks to Julia Case (Alexandria), Nancy Heuser (Colonial Heights), and Pat Townsend (Alexandria) for their assistance in keeping the booth staffed throughout the four-day event. We could not have managed without you!

Also during the week in Valley Forge, representatives of NGS and VGS met to discuss the 1999 NGS Conference in Richmond, Virginia. You, too, should start thinking ahead and making your plans for 1999. Conference announcements will be carried in future issues of this newsletter.

JLN

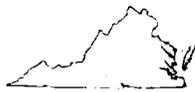
were compiled from the county's birth records and from the records of the Virginia Bureau of Vital Statistics (microfilm reel #52). This volume, priced at \$25.00 plus \$3.00 shipping, may be ordered from **B & B**

Books, PO Box 742, Stuart, VA 24171. The authors also announce that copies of *Patrick County, Virginia, Deed Index Abstracts, 1791-1850* are still available. Inquires invited.

Ernest H. Mason has a portrait of William Fountain Fletcher (born ca 1850, married ca 1910 Alma Chase Howard of Hanover County) and would like to give it to a Fletcher descendant. Mr. Mason may be reached at 12516 Harts Ease Lane, Montpelier, VA 23192.

Forthcoming publications! June Banks Evans wishes to announce nine new publications she has scheduled for completion during 1997. These abstracts will cover Brunswick County wills (1751-1761 and 1765-1769), four volumes of Hanover County wills for the period 1785-1893, and four volumes of Lunenburg County deeds for the years 1815-1828. Availability inquires may be addressed to Bryn Ffyliaid Publications, 300 Lake Marina Dr., 16 BW, New Orleans, LA 70124-1679.

News From Around the State



The Middle New River Genealogical Society was organized in 1993 to promote research and serve as a venue for the open exchange of information of mutual interest to its members. Persons interested in genealogical research within the area of Mercer, Monroe, Summers, Raleigh, and Fayette counties in West Virginia, and Wythe, Bland, Giles, Grayson, and Buchanan counties in Virginia are invited to attend the society's meetings which are held monthly on the second Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at the Princeton Public Library Annex. For more information, contact Laura Salyers, PO Box 254, Beckley, WV 25802-0254.

All Hollingsworth descendants, related families and friends are invited to attend the Valentine Hollingsworth, Sr., Society's sixth reunion, 20-22 June 1997, at the Winchester Holiday Inn in Winchester, VA. Scheduled activities include a reception on Friday evening, sightseeing tours on Saturday, and a Saturday evening dinner featuring speakers on the Hollingsworth family in the Winchester area. Registration is \$30.00 which includes the reception and dinner. Make room reservations (doubles, \$55.00 plus tax) directly with the hotel by calling 540-667-3300, and mail registration checks,

payable to "Valentine Hollingsworth, Sr., Society," to Treasurer Rosemary S. Stout, 608 Cardamon Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23464-1905; 757-420-5818.

Who were/are the Melungeons? Answers to this and related questions will be the focus of a genealogical gathering at Clinch Valley College in Wise, Virginia, 25-27 July 1997. This event, hosted by the Wise County Historical Society, will offer Melungeon descended people and those with a general interest in the Melungeons an opportunity to attend workshops and lectures by nationally recognized specialists in Melungeon culture and research. Other activities will include regional tours and a meeting of the Melungeon Heritage Foundation. For more information, contact Audie Kennedy, PO Box 1495, Wise, VA 24293 or The Society, PO Box 368, Wise, VA 24293.

Since Colonial times, Virginia families have traditionally recorded their births, deaths, and other information in family Bibles. The Library of Virginia has been collecting copies of family entries in Bibles since 1928, when the state began seeking unofficial documents to make up for a lack of official vital statistics. In the 79 years since, the library has received more than 5,000 family Bible entries and the number is still growing. During 1997, the library plans to post copies of all Bible entries on the Internet, further boosting the usage of the library's busy home page.

According to Conley Edwards, State Archivist, "Family Bibles are the third-most-used genealogical source at the library, behind only census records and county courthouse records." Edwards also states that "Sending the state library writings from family Bibles is the best way to carefully archive them." To submit your family Bible, photocopy the title page, which gives the date the Bible was published, and all the handwritten entries, and send a brief account describing the family to Library of Virginia, 800 E. Broad St., Richmond, VA 23219. For more information, call 804-692-3500. [The foregoing was excerpted from a newspaper article appearing in the 18 March 1997 issue of *The Daily Progress*, Charlottesville, VA.]

The February 1997 issue of *Virginia Appalachian Notes* (VAN) contains an index to the cemeteries published in volumes 1-20 of this publication. This index includes the name and location of 99 cemeteries and specifies the issue(s) in which the information gleaned from each cemetery was published. Interested readers may contact Southwestern Virginia Genealogical Society, PO Box 12485, Roanoke, VA 24026-2485.

Book Reviews

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

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

Janice J.R. Hull, *Buckingham Burials: A Survey of Cemeteries in Buckingham County, Virginia, Volume 1* (1997) 585 pp.; indexed; softcover; perfect-bound; \$25.00. Order from **Hearthside Press, 5735A Telegraph Road, Alexandria, VA 22303**. Please include \$3.00 shipping; Virginia residents add 4.5% sales tax.

Twenty years ago genealogists researching families in Buckingham County had few published resources to help bridge the gap in research materials caused by the county's 1869 courthouse fire. During the past two decades, however, fully an entire shelf of new books has appeared on this difficult burned county. All have provided important facts for genealogists and historians.

Now after twelve years of volunteer efforts by many individuals, Janice Hull, cemetery project coordinator for Historic Buckingham, Inc., has compiled the first volume in a planned series with the title *Buckingham Burials* containing transcriptions of tombstones and other grave markings. It is a must purchase for anyone with Buckingham ancestry.

Arranged by cemetery name, church name or primary family name, the listings attempt to reproduce faithfully the inscriptions found therein. Notations of "other information" offer additional detail to enhance the listings, although few of these cite a specific source or individual as proof. The lack of geographical grouping of the cemetery listings eliminates some usefulness for identifying those which are close to each other. Groupings by supervisor districts might have accomplished this. In addition, there are no exact locations given for any of these cemeteries, only very general notations to route numbers. Descriptions of the cemeteries themselves and their condition are sparse.

Many of these limitations are explained in the introduction, and space is always a consideration in any book. Because many of these burial grounds are on private property, the compiler was reluctant to give exact locations. By contacting Historic Buckingham in advance, the organization can tell interested researchers if one is likely to gain permission to visit specific

cemeteries. Diagrams of the layout of graves in cemeteries are on file at Historic Buckingham's office in the village of Buckingham Courthouse. Researchers familiar with U.S. Geological Survey quadrangle maps will be able to locate some of these cemeteries using the general locations given and the cemetery symbol on the maps. Many others, however, will only be discovered with the help of the historical society. This reviewer only hopes that Historic Buckingham has made back-up copies of its entire files and stored them elsewhere for safe keeping.

These concerns aside, Mrs. Hull and her volunteers are to be commended for bringing this long effort to a partial printed conclusion. With the recent move of the compiler and her family back to their native Vermont, let us hope that the next volume will be forthcoming in the not too distant future, and that more individuals with knowledge of Buckingham burials will submit them to Historic Buckingham for inclusion in future volumes. Those of us with Buckingham families know that there can never be too many publications on our ancestral county.

EGG



The following books may be ordered from **Iberian Publishing Co., 548 Cedar Creek Dr., Athens, GA 30605-3408; 800-394-8634; Iberian@iberian.com**. Shipping is based on total order costs: \$0 to \$10 - \$2, \$10 to \$25 - \$3, \$25 to \$50 - \$4, \$50 plus - \$5.

Janice L. Abercrombie, *Louisa County, Virginia, Records: Louisa County, Virginia, Death Records, 1853-1896 with Addendum from the Records of Woodward Funeral Home, 1907-1911* (1997) 478 pp.; full-name index; perfect-bound; softcover; \$25.00. See ordering information above.

Although the church was charged with the task of recording death records prior to the Revolutionary War few of the parish registers are extant and recordations ceased with the beginning of the Commonwealth. It was not until 1853 that official death records were kept and even then it is apparent that the recorders were less than successful in obtaining the information. While the law required that copies of these records be sent to the state each year, most counties have missing data. Louisa is one of the luckier since it is missing only 1863, 1865 and 1895. Recordation ceased in 1896 and did not resume until 1912. The inclusion in this volume of data from funeral home records for 1907-1911 helps to bridge the gap. A typical entry includes the name and sex of the decedent; the age at and date and cause of death; the decedent's occupation, and place of birth and death; the name(s) of his/her parents, consort and the person giving the information and the relationship of the

informant to the decedent. Numerous deaths of slaves are listed with the slave owner typically listed in place of the parent; however, occasionally a parent(s) will be listed. Since death records are almost always unindexed, they are rarely used by the researcher unless the date of death is known, yet they can provide a wealth of information as this volume attests. *BVL*

Ben H. Coke, *Some Early Landowners in Southern Nottoway and Northern Lunenburg Counties, Virginia, and the Cock (Coke) Family Who Once Lived There* (1997) vi, 138 pp.; maps; illus.; full-name index; perfect-bound; softcover; \$25.00. See ordering information above.

Platting land and using the information generated to help prove family relationships and provide information about neighbors and acquaintances has become one of the latest interests of genealogists. It is a time-consuming, but effective method. This author has utilized this technique for over twenty years in his published compilations. Researchers who happen to have ancestors in his area of interest have been "missing out" on an excellent resource for he typically plats four to six quadrangles in the area often following chains of title for fifty or more years. In this particular volume he covers most of northern Lunenburg and eastern Nottoway. Unlike his earlier works, this volume places more emphasis on the land than on the people, the genealogy included has, for the most part, been previously published. Some additional information and a few corrections are noted and items from various county court records provide additional details. Documentation of the genealogies is limited; although sources of the information are given. Full documentation of all court and land records is included. Although individuals interested in the Cocke/Coke family will find items of interest, researchers in Nottoway and Lunenburg counties will find immeasurable benefit in the land plats. *BVL*

Pattie Cooke, *Wartime Letters of Louisa County, Virginia: the Cooke Family Papers 1859-1866* (1997) 168 pp.; illus.; perfect-bound; softcover; \$22.50. See ordering information above.

Family papers—that mishmash of items which sometimes finds its way to an archives, but often is finally tossed out by the uncaring—treasures beyond price to the genealogist, are more frequently being published now that word processors and scanners have placed publication within the reach of the average person. The letters in this volume were selected from the papers of Arthur Bledsoe Cooke who was born in Louisa County in 1869. They were written to his mother Sallie Farrar Anderson prior to her marriage to

George Cooke and detail life in the areas of Meltons and Gum Springs in Louisa County and Ivy Depot in Albemarle County. They provide insight into the attitudes and beliefs of what would now be described as an upper middle class family and detail the relationships of an extended family created through the early deaths of Sallie's mother and her step-mother's first husband. The letters are annotated and a brief family history defining the relationship of the individuals mentioned in the letters is included. Documentation is provided for the annotations; however, full publication data is not always included. The Anderson family history is undocumented. *BVL*



Kenneth M. Clark and Edward T. Moore, *Burials in Graham Cemetery, Orange, Virginia, to 1994* (1997) 108 pp.; map; perfect-bound; softcover; \$15.00. Please include \$1.75 postage; Virginia residents add 4.5% tax. Order from **Orange County Historical Society, 130 Caroline Street, Orange, VA 22960.**

Although the first burials in what was to become Graham Cemetery were those of Confederate soldiers who died at the Orange Courthouse General Hospital; a number of re-interments from family homes in the area predate the 1860s. The decedents are listed in alphabetical order and information includes the age at death, date of death, cemetery location and notes which include such items as Confederate veteran, unmarked grave, cremation and moved to Graham. An appendix lists the Confederate burials taken from the records of the Orange Courthouse General Hospital now in the National Archives. *BVL*



The following books may be ordered from **T.L.C. Genealogy, PO Box 403369, Miami Beach, FL 33140-1369; 800-858-8558.** Prices include shipping; Florida residents add 6% sales tax. VISA and MasterCard accepted.

T.L.C. Genealogy, *Halifax County, Virginia, Deeds, 1784-1790* (1994) 240 pp.; map; full-name and geographic and soundex indices; spiral-bound; softcover; \$20.00. See ordering information above.

This publication contains detailed abstracts of the 956 documents recorded Halifax County Deed Book 13 (1784-1786) and Deed Book 14 (1786-1790). Each abstract includes the dates of writing and record, page number in the original source, a capsule description of the record, and the names of parties involved. Although land transactions predominate, readers will also find powers of attorney, emancipations, dower

releases, mortgages, prenuptial agreements, apprenticeships, and lists of surveys. Numerous references to other counties and other states exemplify family movement within and out of Virginia during the title years. Abbreviations, definitions, stylized features, and indexing conventions are clearly explained in the introduction. JLN

T.L.C. Genealogy, *Halifax County, Virginia, Wills, 1792-1797* (1991) 131 pp.; map; full-name and geographic and soundex indices; spiral-bound; softcover; \$16.00. See ordering information above.

Abstracts found in this volume detail all of the wills, inventories, appraisements, estate sales, accounts, and inquisitions (by the county coroner) recorded in Halifax County Will Book 3. Of particular interest are the guardianship accounts. These name the orphan, his or her deceased parent and guardian, and detail the hiring out of negroes belonging to the estate and how monies were spent in the child's behalf. While most expenditures cover basic needs, a few, such as cash paid in 1792 for Miss Rachel Boyd to go to singing school, are specific. More than 3800 names are mentioned in these records; the majority are Halifax County residents. Explanatory notes concerning the text and indices are found in the introductory material. JLN



Eric G. Grundset and Steven B. Rhodes, *American Genealogical Research at the DAR, Washington, DC* (1997) 182 pp.; indexed; illus.; perfect-bound; softcover; \$25.00 postpaid. Order from NSDAR, Corresponding Secretary General, 1776 D St., N.W., Washington, DC 20006-5392. Checks should be made payable to "Treasurer General, NSDAR."

This profusely illustrated manual serves as a step-by-step guide to successfully utilizing the NSDAR Library. The authors begin with a capsuled overview of the DAR's history with particular attention to its publications and the evolution of its library into one of the nation's premier research centers. Information found in Chapters 2 and 3 is basic to using the facility -- parking, public transportation, hours, floorplans, special finding aids, and the categorical arrangement of the Library's vast book collection into general, families, states and regions, and special collections. A synopsis of the contents of each of the four categories is given as well as some discussion on the Library's file collection and manuscript collection. For those who cannot do research on-site, a facsimile of the Library's research service policies and fees has been included.

The remaining chapters cover a myriad of topics. Most notable among these are the historical accounts

and accompanying descriptions of available military records for the Revolutionary War and other conflicts involving Americans. Researchers will also appreciate the sections on ethnic resources; bible, church and cemetery records; maps, atlases and gazetteers; family histories and genealogies; county histories; federal censuses; immigration and naturalization records; city directories; periodicals; and DAR membership applications and related sources.

The DAR Library is a highly specialized collection focusing primarily, but not exclusively, on American genealogy and history, and should be near the top of every researcher's list of places to go. Mr. Grundset, Library Director, states in his introduction "... It is a common misconception, even among long-time Washington area residents, that only DAR members may use DAR collections. One does not need special permission to visit. The door is open to all." True, but advance planning is advised. Get a copy of this book, study it, and take it with you when you go. JLN



June Banks Evans, *New Kent County, Virginia, Will Book 2, 1880-1938, Part 1: to December 1924* (1996) 64 pp.; full-name index; soft-cover; perfect bound; \$18.00 postpaid. Order from Bryn Ffyliaid Publications, 300 Lake Marina Drive, 16BW, New Orleans, LA 70124-1679.

New Kent County is one of Virginia's most severely burned counties. For this reason researchers should be careful not to exclude volumes dated long after the time in which they are interested. People frequently brought copies of documents to the courthouse and had them re-recorded following the destruction. The dates of volumes typically denote the beginning and ending dates of the recording of the document, not the date of the document. Thus, we find on page 7 the will of Bowler Hubbard dated 18 August 1847, originally recorded 11 May 1848 and re-recorded in this volume on 9 November 1882. These abstracts include the name of the testator, devisees, executors, witnesses and date of recordation. Although specific bequests are included in the abstracts, the researcher, as always, is advised to check the original. Only wills are transcribed here. Additional information including inventories, bonds and for later wills a list of heirs should be available. BVZ



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OUR ANCESTORS HAD A NAME FOR IT

by

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At some point in time, many genealogists discover that they have an illegitimate ancestor. Old parish registers are often the source of this information, and researchers will find that there are a variety of ways of expressing illegitimacy, some are in Latin.

In Latin, "ignoto" means unknown. So if a record says "nomine ignoto," it means the father's name is not known. "Filius populi" means "son of the people." This notation in English records often pertains to cases where the father was known to be a local man, but might be one of two men. It might also mean that who the father was was anybody's guess. "Filius nullius" means "son of none." This terminology was used as an indication that the father was a stranger (in the parish) or the child's mother could not or would not reveal his identity.

There are other significant clues to be found in parish records, so it is important to copy the references exactly as written. For example, if you should find a record that reads something like "Johannes filius Mariae Jones et reputat(ur) de Johanni Green," it translates to "John, son of Mary Jones and by repute of John Green." What this means is John Green had admitted paternity or paternity had been proved. If, however, the record should say "Johannes filius Mariae Jones et imputat de Johanni Green," it means the mother claimed the father was John Green, but John would not admit paternity or the case had not been settled. Other terms you may encounter include "ut fertur" meaning "as it is said" or "believe it if you like," "vocatus" meaning "called" or "known as," and "p(rae)dictus" or "dictus" meaning "the said, aforesaid (man)."

Should you locate an English reference to a James Cox Jones, and it occurs anywhere other than in a recognized gentry family before about 1840, it should alert you to the possibility of illegitimacy. Giving a male child his father's full name and his mother's surname was a commonly used way of denoting illegitimacy in English records. The idea was that if the couple should later marry, the mother's surname would be dropped and no longer used.

Being aware of the use of double surnames for illegitimate children is very useful to genealogists, but genealogy is an inexact science and there are always some exceptions. For instance, in Lancashire, Yorkshire, London, and among many nonconformists, the use of a complimentary second surname — from the mother's family, the church pastor, or a rich uncle — became popular in the early 1800s and again in the Victorian period. Also, in the late 19th-century, the English would sometimes give a child a hyphenated surname, such as Stevens-Martin. This was an expression of ancestral snobbery rather than an indication that the child's parents were not married. So when examining English records, researchers should always keep in mind the popularity of using double surnames in certain localities and time periods for reasons other than to indicate the marital status of a child's parents.

Although there was almost always a financial disadvantage associated with being illegitimate, prior to the Victorian era in England, there was very little social stigma attached, except in the upper and middle classes. There were, however, economic reasons for taking an interest in the parentage

of illegitimate children. Each parish was responsible for the care of its own poor, which normally included unwed mothers and their children. The parish would investigate the case to try and determine the father's name and origins so money could be obtained from him.

Since a bastard child was the responsibility of the parish where he or she was born, some parishes threw out any female who looked pregnant. Or they would often retain a local girl and her child, but send strangers back to

their own parishes. The mother was forced, sometimes by whipping, to name the father. If she refused, she could be sent to prison.

Parish records are the first place to look for the parentage of illegitimate ancestors, and they are certainly well worth the time and effort required to find them and read them. Fortunately, many parish records have been microfilmed by the LDS Family History Library. These can be easily accessed by contacting any Family History Center in the area where you live.

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LECTURE TAPES FOR VIRGINIA RESEARCHERS

Virginia topics presented during the National Genealogical Society's "Conference in the States," in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, 7-10 Mary 1997, are available on cassette tapes from **Repeat Performance, 2911 Crabapple Lane, Hobart, IN 46342**. Credit card orders may be placed by calling **219-465-1234**. Tapes are \$7.50 each plus \$2.00 shipping first tape, \$0.75 each additional. Orders must include the 1997 NGS Conference session number(s).

"Things They Don't Tell You about Virginia" - Joanne Lovelace Nance presents an overview of how a variety of records function in the Virginia record system and how to get the most information from these records. No: S-161

"Interpreting Virginia Records: What's There That You Don't See" - Barbara Vines Little looks at specific records in light of Virginia laws, customs, and practices and explains how information should be evaluated. No: S-170

"Pennsylvanians Who Became Virginians" - Eric G. Grundset examines migrations and settlements from Pennsylvania into Virginia and West Virginia and the resulting records. No: S-179

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

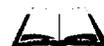
Ernest Thode, *Address Book for Germanic Genealogy*, Sixth Edition (1997) 196 pp.; maps; perfect-bound; softcover; \$24.95. See ordering information above.

If a compiler conscientiously works at improvement, each edition of a volume should bring increased accuracy and additional information. The author notes in his introduction that he has updated many addresses and added others, especially municipal archives and local and regional European historical and genealogical society addresses. Thus a helpful tool provides even more for the researcher. Although termed an address book, this volume is much more. There are lists of genealogical, historical and German-related societies outside of Europe, lists of German-American religious organizations and archives, booksellers, and German-language newspapers in North America. There are sources for maps and ship and river boat records and there are pages of German addresses including European genealogical publishers and booksellers and genealogists. This is truly a tool that the German researcher will find most useful. BVL

Christina K. Schaefer, *Guide to Naturalization Records of the United States* (1997) illus.; Smyth-sewn; hardcover; \$25.00. See ordering information above.

It is important that researchers remember that during the colonial period the majority of the colonists were British subjects and there are consequently no naturalization records for them. For those seeking naturalization records, this guide provides an overview of the history of the laws governing the process and sources other than applications for citizenship in which the researcher may find information about an ancestor's origin. The bulk of the volume consists of a listing of records on a state-by-state basis with notations as to whether the records have been filmed. Film numbers are for Family History Library or National Archives film. Although the author is careful to note in the introduction that naturalizations could take place at any court of record, it is apparent that references to records in the county-by-county lists within each state refer only to those records specifically identified as naturalization records and not to the other county court records which can contain naturalization records. Thus the omission of a county or even a time period within a county should

not cause the researcher to give up all hope of finding the information he seeks. It simply means that the other court records must be checked. BVL



Hammond's Edition of the 1885 Atlas of Frederick County, Virginia, with Added Maps and Index (1997) 72 pp.; maps; illus.; full-name index; center-stapled; softcover; \$29.95. Order from **GP Hammond Publishing, PO Box 546, Strasburg, VA 22657**. Please include \$2.75 postage; Virginia residents add 4.5% sales tax.

This third in the series of oversize (12"x18") reproductions depicts each of the magisterial districts and the city of Winchester showing geographical features, major roads, schools, churches and business and individual residences. A full-name index provides ready access both to the individuals on the maps and to the patrons, especially businesses, listed in the margins. The map was originally compiled from surveys made by J.M. Lathrop and A.W. Dayton in 1885. In addition to the original county maps, eleven other maps are included; among which are the Washington Surveys map, the Yost Hite Settlement plat map and the 1755 Braddock Campaign map. A list of patrons for each district includes the name of the individual, number of acres owned, post office, occupation, place of birth and date of settlement (the earliest is 1811). Places of birth include the expected adjacent counties, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, New Jersey, England, Prussia and Ireland and the less expected Texas, Georgia and Indiana. BVL



Thomas J. Kemp, *The 1995 Genealogy Annual: A Bibliography of Published Sources* (1996) xi, 397 pp.; Smyth-sewn; hardcover; \$95.00. Order from **Scholarly Resources, 104 Greenhill Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19805-1897; 800-772-8937; market@scholarly.com**

The introduction of this volume defines its purpose as a comprehensive bibliography of genealogies, handbooks and source materials published in 1995. As this reviewer is all too aware typographical errors creep in; however, one does expect to see county names spelled correctly—Culpeper contains only two p's not three and the Hampshire County, West Virginia, valley about which Maud Pugh writes is Capon not Capton. Other items are not so cosmetic. Although Peggy Shomo Joyner's book, *St. John's Church Register German Reformed and Lutheran, Augusta County, Virginia, (1748) 1786-1872* is listed under Augusta County, Volume 5 of her *Abstracts of Virginia's*

Northern Neck Warrants and Surveys 1653-1781 is not found under the general Virginia references. Yet this series, of which this is the final volume, is one of the major references to Virginia land records and is religiously cited on any colonial Virginia bibliography. The mention of reprints is also erratic. Landon C. Bell's *Old Free State: A Contribution to the History of Lunenburg County and Southside Virginia* is not listed yet Wirt Carrington's *History of Halifax* is (both were published by Clearfield Company). One expects to find omissions in the family history section—there are too many privately published volumes for this to ever be all inclusive. Over half of the book is devoted to family histories suggesting that the compiler has made an concerted effort to include as many as possible. Although not perfect, certainly *The 1995 Genealogy Annual* does provide the researcher with information on some of what has been published. If the volume has been privately published or published by a small obscure press, the user may have difficulty in obtaining a copy and although the compiler does suggest that most of these volumes can be found in OCLC, the reader who finds the source library unwilling to loan its copy or the reader who wishes to obtain his/her own copy may find this difficult to achieve. We realize that the inclusion of ordering addresses would have increased the size of the volume, but certainly not a prohibitive amount unless one considers the current price already prohibitive. BVL



Paul Heinegg, *Free African Americans of North Carolina and Virginia, Third edition* (1997) 825 pp.; full-name index; perfect-bound; softcover; \$55.00. Order from **Clearfield Company, Inc., 200 Eager Street, Baltimore, MD 21202; 410-625-9004**. Please include \$3.50 postage for the first book and \$1.25 for each additional book; Maryland residents add 5% sales tax; Michigan 6%.

Finally, the word any reader of a family history wants to hear—“the author will answer inquiries on any family”! Winner of both the American Society of Genealogists' Donald Line Jacobus Award for the best work of genealogical scholarship published between 1992 and 1994 and the North Carolina Genealogical Society Award of Excellence in Publishing, this volume is a veritable textbook on free Black research. The twenty-six page introduction details the history of free Negroes in Virginia and North Carolina and serves as a guide to the methods and resources the researcher must utilize in his work. A twenty-three page bibliography lists, on a county-by-county basis, the records used in this compilation. Two hundred eighty-

one families are covered in depth. Although the bulk of the family information is taken from 18th and 19th century records, some families reach into the 17th century and many are followed through a number of migratory moves. Researchers, both those searching for free African-American families and those wanting to learn more about free African-American research, will find this book an invaluable tool. BVL



William Claude Gould, *Cornwell of Virginia and England* (1996) xv, 75 pp.; illus.; full-name index; stapled; softcover; \$30.00 postpaid. Order from **Claude Gould, 132 MacArthur, Pana, IL 62557**.

Although a great deal of information is provided about the Cornwells of England, the primary focus of this volume is Dennis Cornwell, who is thought to have immigrated ca. 1692 to Westmoreland County and his son Peter Cornwell, who was born ca. 1700 and died in 1776 in Fauquier County. The line of Simon Cornwell, son of Peter, is followed to the present. Additional information is provided on some of the other Cornwells and the names and addresses of individuals who have more specific information is included. Abstracts of source records are provided; however, documentation is erratic with the later generations having little documentation. If one has a Cornwell line originating in the Fauquier County area, this volume may provide additional information. BVL



James Motley Booker, *A Booker Family of Virginia: Gloucester and Essex Counties and the Northern Neck with Some of the Descendants and Related Families* (1994) 547 pp.; illus.; full-name index; smyth-sewn; hardcover; \$45.00. Order from the **Northumberland County Historical Society, PO Box 221, Heathsville, VA 22473**. Please include \$5.00 shipping.

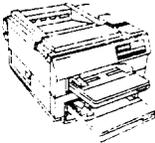
Although information on a James Booker of Gloucester is given, the author does not feel secure about the connection. The first proven ancestor is James Booker of Gloucester and Essex counties who was born ca. 1723, married first, Elizabeth Howlett ca. 1745; second, Ann Camm, daughter of John and Mary (Bullock) Camm; and third, ca. 1775, Elizabeth Wright. In addition to the Booker lineage, appendices treat the Dudley, Garnett, Richardson, Throckmorton, Anderson, Doswell, Eubank and Motley families. There are numerous pictures and transcripts of family documents and Bible records. The text is well-written and goes beyond the listing of individuals to provide an interesting discussion of the various families. Full

documentation is included both for primary source records and for information provided by individuals.

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Recent Reprints

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Clarence E. Ratcliff, *North Carolina Taxpayers, 1679-1790, Volume 2* (1987, rpt. 1996) 230 pp.; Smyth-sewn; hardcover; \$25.00. See ordering information above.

Tax lists are frequently used by researchers as substitute censuses and compiled lists such as this for finding aids when one has an individual's name but no county of residence. Of the fifty-three lists from which this compilation was made, a 1694 list for Pasquotank and a 1679 and 1694 list for Albemarle, are the only 17th century lists. Rowan and Bute both have lists from the 1760s, the remaining lists are for the 1770s or later. The source of each list is given. Most are available at the North Carolina State Archives; a few were taken from the *Journal of North Carolina Genealogy*. The compiler states that a few other extant lists created close to the dates of the lists in this or the first volume were not used. The lists have been combined into a single alphabetical list which includes the date of the list and the name of the county. Approximately 29,000 taxpayers from 39 North Carolina counties are included. The user should take care to look at all possible spellings including common typographical errors in order to avoid missing a name.

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Maryland Genealogies: A Consolidation of Articles from the Maryland Historical Magazine (2 vols.) (1980, rpt. 1997) xiii, 548, ix, 548 pp.; full-name index; Smyth-sewn; hardcover; \$75.00. See ordering information above.

Serial publications frequently provide us with excellent materials; however, the no index or annual index often makes the material difficult to find. Compiled indexes are a help, as are finding aids such as PERSI and GAPI. Republication in a compiled format such as these reprinted genealogies also helps to bring material to the public in an easily available format.

The *Maryland Historical Magazine* began publication in 1906. The articles reprinted in this compilation are taken from the first seventy-one volumes and include Bible records as well as genealogies. Most of the genealogies begin in the colonial period and there are a number of Virginia connections. While the documentation is not up to today's standards, sources for many of the statements are included.

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Book Notes

Gallup Family Association, *Gallup Genealogy: Gallop, Galloup, Galloupe, Gallupe, Gollop*, 2nd ed., revised and expanded (1987) For ordering information contact the **Gallup Family Association, Inc., PO Box 483, Mystic, CT 06372**.

This volume details the descendants of John Gallop, son of John and Mary (Crabbe) Gallop, born ca. 1590 in England, died 11 January 1650 in Boston, Massachusetts. He married Cristobel Brushett on 19 January 1617 in Dorsetshire, England. The family is carried to the present. Documentation is erratic with much of the information coming from individuals. However, a computer data-base is maintained by the association and this may provide additional references and details.

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Computer Corner

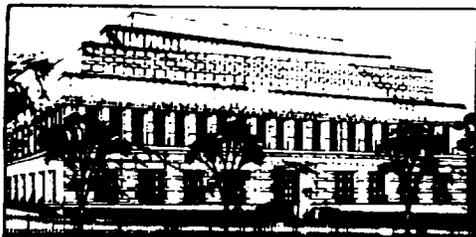
Family Tree Maker's Family Archives: Starter Bundle II (4 CD's) Requires Family Archive Viewer 3.02 or higher (free upon request); CD-ROM drive; Microsoft Windows 3.1 or higher; 386 with 4 MB RAM, VGA display and mouse. \$49.99. Order from **Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 North Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202-3897; 800-297-6687**. Please include \$3.50 shipping; Maryland residents add 5% tax; Michigan, 6%.

This CD bundle provides a variety of research tools. In addition to the *Genealogist's All-in-One Address Book* (Family Tree Maker CD 115) which was reviewed in the October 1996 *Newsletter* it includes *Home Phone* (a two-CD phonebook) and *Family History Collection: 217 Genealogy Books* (Family Tree Maker CD 113). The two Family Tree Maker CDs are viewed



using a special viewing software that is free upon request; the phone CD must be installed separately and can be installed as either a DOS-based or a Windows-based program. *Home Phone* searches by last name only or last name and any combination of first name, street, city, state, zip code or phone number. It does not appear to include unlisted numbers. The program allows the user to tag listings and print, count and export lists to another program. In the Windows version individuals can be located on a screen-sized U.S. map. The *Family History Collection* consists of 217 randomly selected autobiographies, biographies, genealogies and histories. Most of these are rather obscure items, however, *Savage's Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England*, *Hotten's Original Lists of Persons of Quality* and *Virkus's Compendium of American Genealogy* are among the selections. A check of a random selection of volumes did not uncover any with documented sources. While both the *Genealogist's All-in-One Address Book* and the phone CDs do have value it is difficult to see what the *Family History Collection* can offer other than a quick search of 217 books of which many (or even most) are probably not in the area in which the researcher is interested. The concept of being able to search any word in a series of volumes is theoretically a good one. However, when one has a name like Vines, one is going to find a number of references to the word when it is not being used as a family name. While having the capability of quickly searching large numbers of unindexed or poorly indexed volumes is helpful, the quality and selection of the items needs to be addressed. BVL

Recent Archives Accessions



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

Bible Records

- McDonnell Family.** 5 leaves, photographs. Fauquier County, Virginia, 1917-1965. Family Bible of Austin M. McDonnell (d. 1965). Other surnames mentioned: Belt, Hearst and Martin. No. 35073.
- McDonnell Family.** 7 leaves, photographs. Fredericksburg and Warrenton, Virginia, and Florida, Maryland, Massachusetts and Washington, D.C., 1843-1949. Bible printed in 1899. Family Bible of Mary Theresa Belt McDonnell (b. 1893). Other surnames mentioned: Belt, Cassini, Duval, Hearst and Loeweski. No. 35074.
- McDonnell Family.** 3 leaves, photocopies. Warrenton, Virginia, and Alabama, Florida, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri and Ireland, 1836-1936. Other surnames mentioned: Belt, Chilton, Cobbs, Fisher, Grace, Jondreau, MacCarthy, MacDonnell, Massie, Orrick and Vickery. No. 35075.
- McIntyre Family.** 9 leaves, photographs. Fauquier County and Warrenton, Virginia and Washington, D.C., 1881-1909. Bible printed in 1879. Family Bible of Lillie B. McIntyre. Other surnames mentioned: Blackwell, Rosi and Smith. No. 35069.
- Miscellaneous Bible Records Collection No. 36 (MBRC36).** 1 volume (202 leaves), photocopies. Accomack and Northampton counties, Virginia; Maryland; and Warren County, Mississippi, 1724-1988. Includes Bible records, typed transcripts, obituaries, clippings, cemetery records, genealogical notes and an index. Surnames mentioned: Addison, Bagwell, Bennett, Bird, Boggs, Bull, Burrton, Carpenter, Causey, Chandler, Chesser, Colonna, Coward, Dalby, Davis, Dix, Dixon, Dunton, Fletcher, Gibb, Goffigon, Hurst, Jackson, Jarvis, Joynes, LeCato, Lewis, Martin, Mason, Munholland-Maben, Nottingham, Parker, Reid, Robertson, Robins, Scott, Stowers, Summers, Taylor, Tucker, Turner, Upshor, Walters, Walston, Webb, Webster, Wescott and Wilkins. No. 35020.
- Portlock Family.** 4 leaves, photocopies. Norfolk County, Virginia, 1826-1933. Other surnames mentioned: Butt, Herbert, Hitchings, Tatem and West. No. 35082.
- Powell Family.** 8 leaves, photocopies. Indiana, Kentucky, Pennsylvania and Virginia, 1777-1862. Includes Bible records (4 leaves), typed transcription (1 leaf), published county history (2 leaves) and census schedule (1 leaf). Bible printed in 1816. Other surnames mentioned: Caldwell and McNulty. No. 35053.
- Shiles Family.** 2 leaves, photocopies. Alexandria, Virginia; and Delaware, 1766-1857. No. 35059.
- Tisdale Family.** 3 leaves, photocopies. Richmond, Virginia, and Pennsylvania, 1837-1951. Other surnames mentioned: Klein, Lett, and Weaver. No. 34956.

Webb Family. 12 leaves, photocopies. Tennessee, 1804-1936. Includes Bible records (8 leaves), genealogical notes (2 leaves), and professional licenses (2 leaves). Other surnames mentioned: Campbell, Giles, Locke, McDaniel, Minter, Morte, Simonton and Stone. No. 35028.

Whitely Family. 5 leaves, photocopies. Russell County, Virginia; and Kentucky, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia, 1858-1990. Other surnames mentioned: Haney and Johnson. No. 35004.

Genealogical Notes and Charts

Berryhill Family. 3 leaves and 14 pages, photocopies. Notes. *A Berryhill-Proctor Family of Northern Virginia*. Descendants of Andrew A. Berryhill (b. ca. 1809) of North Carolina, including lines which settled in Tennessee and Fairfax County, Virginia. Includes abstracts of census records and published sources, as well as a pedigree chart of George Richard Berryhill (b. 1946). Other surnames mentioned: Allen and Ennis. No. 35025.

Bondurant Family. 18 leaves, photocopies. Notes. Descendants of Noah Bondurant (1784-1856) of Buckingham County, Virginia, and later Kentucky and Indiana. No. 35087.

Christy Family. 1 volume, 92 pages (photocopies). Notes. Descendants of Julius Christy (ca. 1730-1808) of Culpeper and Orange counties, Virginia and later Kentucky. Includes transcriptions and/or abstracts of correspondence, deeds, wills, inventories, orders, church records and published sources. No. 35043.

Claud Family. 1 volume (55 leaves). Notes. *Some Descendants of Phillipe Claude: Huguenot Immigrant to Virginia*. Includes information on lines which settled in Southampton County, Virginia, and Texas. There is a full-name index. No. 34957.

Deadmore Family. 20 leaves, photocopies. Notes. Miscellaneous notes on the Deadmore family of western Virginia. No. 35026.

Fauntleroy Family. 2 volumes, 925 leaves. (*Misc. reel 1339*). Notes. *Colonel Moore Fauntleroy: His Ancestors and Descendants*. Compiled in 1936 by Juliet Fauntleroy. Includes abstracts and transcriptions of deeds, land patents and grants, orders, wills, letters and published sources relating to the ancestors and descendants of Colonel Moore Fauntleroy (1610-1663) of Lancaster, (Old) Rappahannock and Richmond counties, Virginia. Includes table of contents. No. 35057.

Litton Family. 1 volume, 97 leaves. Notes. Descendants of Caleb Litton (1670-1763) of Maryland, including lines which settled in Botetourt, Russell, and Washington counties, Virginia, and Florida, Kentucky, and Tennessee. Includes copies of vital statistics records, census

records, obituaries, and published sources. No. 35039.

Poe Family. 7 leaves, photocopies. Notes. Descendants of Thomas Poe (1749-1825) of Henrico County, Virginia. Includes abstracts of census records and personal property tax lists, as well as court records, including deed books, order books, and marriage records. No. 35011.

Utie Family. 12 leaves. Notes. Descendants of John Utie (ca. 1600-1638) of England and York County, Virginia, including lines which settled in Bedford and New Kent counties, Virginia. No. 35040.

Personal Papers

Adams, Samuel. 2 leaves, photocopies. Letter, dated 1 March 1775, to Charles Dick, Charles Washington and George Thornton of Spotsylvania County thanking them on behalf of the Committee appointed to receive and distribute donations made to the people of Boston as a result of the Boston Port Bill which was passed by Parliament in 1774. No. 35056.

Kidd Family. 9 leaves and 22 pages. Papers, 1849-1898, containing correspondence concerning family news, health, marriages and travels, including a stay at Variety Springs in Augusta County, Virginia. Also includes membership receipts, an invitation and a teaching contract. No. 35050.

Cemetery Records

Surry County. 16 leaves, photocopies. Tombstone inscriptions from Union Christian Church, Surry County, Virginia. The dates range from 1816 to 1994. Also included is a short history of the church, as well as a full name index to the inscriptions. No. 35032.

Southampton County. 8 leaves, photocopies. Tombstone inscriptions from the James Littleton Rochelle Holcombe family cemetery. Compiled in 1996 by James Braxton Holcombe and Allen Capel Story. The dates of the inscriptions range from 1854 to 1973. Also included is a diagram of the layout of the cemetery. No. 35079.

"Glad You Asked That..."

Q: This question is about a phrase — "in consideration of marriage" found in an Albemarle County deed dated 11 January 1777. The deed states in part, "I Daniel Maupin of the parish of Federicksvill and County of Albemarle for divers Good

Causes and Considerations but more Especially in Consideration of Marriage do give and bequeath to my son Jesse Maupin my Tract of Land whereon I now live...the sd Jesse Maupin...shall for Ever after the Decease of myself and the Decease of Margaret my well beloved wife peaceably and Quietly have...the sd Tracts of Land and Premices....signed Daniel Maupin; witnesses- Jeremiah Yancey, Daniel Maupin and Sarah Maupin." The copy of the original shows no recording information and appears to be a single sheet of paper; that is, it is not a copy from a deed book. There does appear to be a wax seal. A number of phrases including the amount of land, the creek upon which it lay, and the original date [3 November 1775?] are marked through. The deed was recorded in Albemarle County Deed Book 7 in June Court 1777 (See Ruth and Sam Sparacio, *Albemarle County, Virginia, Deed Books, 1776-1778* [McLean, Va.: Antient Press, 1997] pp.32-3). Daniel is obviously deeding the land to his son and retaining a life estate for himself and his wife. One of the questions is whether the "consideration of marriage" refers to Jesse's marriage or to Daniel's.

A: Jesse sells the land to Christopher Harris on 18 November of the same year and references the life estate of his "father and mother, namely Daniel Maupin and Margaret his wife." (*Ibid.*, p.72). It would thus appear that Daniel had given the land to his son Jesse upon Jesse's marriage. The questioner states that "no marriage record has ever been found for Jesse Maupin and his wife Lucy Jones, but their eldest child was born about 1766." This was almost ten years earlier. While this phrase is not typically found in deeds, it was common for parents to give land, often the homeplace, to whichever child remained at home and supported them in their old age. It was also common for parents to give property to their children upon their marriage. This exchange appears to have been the completion of an earlier promise that had never been formalized. We would be interested in learning of any examples of this wording that other researchers may have found.

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MILLER: Jane Miller b 1757 VA, d 1843 Ross Co, OH, m 1779 Fauquier Co to Alexander Johnson. Ch: Sarah, Catherine, Susannah, John, Simon, Thornton, Delphia. Interested in all Miller info. **Cheryl Knowles, 979 Simon Ln., Chillicothe, OH 45601.**

PASCHAL: Would like to correspond with descs of Paschal family living in Amelia Co in late 18th and early 19th Century. Think there was a connection with the Fords. **Agnes J. Ranseen, 132 Elmwood Ave., Evanston, IL 60202.**

RABECK/REBECK: Seek info on John Rabeck/Rebeck who lived in VA when dau Elizabeth was b in 1802. Later moved to Belmont Co, OH. Michael Rabeck m Elizabeth Hill 1818 Washington Co. Are these Rabecks related? **Frances R. Adams, 1906 Marengo Dr., Demopolis, AL 36732.**

CARTER, RATCLIFF, BELL: William Brown Carter suit 1794, Dumfries District vs Zephaniah Ratcliff over slaves from Thomas Carter estate. Carter won; gave gift to Elizabeth C. Ratcliff, only dau of Zephaniah and w/1 Henretta. Elizabeth b 1775 Stafford Co, m William Bell, Stafford. Seek relationship of William Brown Carter, Henretta, Thomas Carter. **John I. Bell, Jr., 485 Tavern Cir., Atlanta, GA 30350-4456.**

SIMMERMAN, WILLIAMS: John Christopher Simmerman m 1833 to Lucy Williams in Wythe Co. Lucy b ca 1812 NC, d bef 1850 census of Wythe Co. Who were her pars? Help appreciated. Will share Simmerman info. **Betty Jo McDaniels, 2566 VA Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach, VA 23452.**

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SIMMERMAN, SNODGRASS: Christopher Simmerman m Mary Snodgrass (seek her pars). Known ch: John Christopher d ca 1846 Hawkins Co, TN; Kyle; Jane; Margaret; Martha Ann; all born in Wythe Co. Seek Snodgrass family info. Thanks. **Betty Jo McDaniels, 2566 VA Beach Blvd., VA Beach, VA 23452.**

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GARRISON: Seek info on James S. Garrison (1820-1910) of Garrisonville, m Mary Minor Brawner. Have found two J. S. Garrisons, father and son, who lived in Pr Anne Co. Are they related to or the same who moved to

Stafford Co? Also, who named Garrisonville? Any help appreciated. **Betty E. Clegg, 1009 Manning Dr., Falmouth, VA 22405.**

NUNNALLY: Seek ancs and name of w/l of William G. Nunnally who d 1863 Dinwiddie Co. Ch: Robert, Mary Ann Miles, Austin O., William A., Martha Clatin, Rebecca Eppes. Will exchange info on descs of William Peter and Rebecca Nunnally Eppes. **Roy W. Pneuman, 5201 Road O, Pandora, OH 45877; 419-384-3805.**

McKINNEY, GUERRANT: Seek info on these family members and others of the same surnames: Charles McKinney b 1789 Charlotte Co, m Martha Guerrant. They had one son, Phillip Watkins McKinney, Gov. of VA. When? **Ruby B. Hawkins, 11615 Sagevale Ln., Houston, TX 77089-5706.**

MASON, DABNEY, MORRIS: Seek info Gilbert Mason b ca 1747 Fauquier Co, m Elizabeth ?_ ca 1766, d 1781 Bedford Co. Gr-son, Rev. Gilbert Mason b 1810, m 1829 Mary Dabney Morris (b 1810 Nottoway Co). Believe Mary's pars were Richard Morris and Mary Watts m 1808 VA. Seek proof of Mary's birth. **Jack Buckingham, 1026 Lincoln Rd., Dayton, KY 41074.**

TUGGLE: Seek pars/sibs of Elendar Tuggle b 1804, m ca 1822 Elkin Ladd, TN. How was she related to John Tuggle b ca 1758, m 1779 Elizabeth Harrison? Thomas Tuggle m 1791 Susanna Herndon; James Tuggle m 1804 Nancy Herndon, all Goochland Co. Elendar and Elkin's sons: Harrison and James Ladd. **Mary O. Olson, 737 Stanley St. NE, Orangeburg, SC 29115; 803-536-2378.**

LADD: Seek pars/sibs of John Ladd who bought 400 acres on Rockfish Cr., Albemarle Co 1760. Of these, deeded 100 acres to John and Ann Hunt; 100 acres to George and Elizabeth b 1778 in Fluvanna Co. Were Ann and Elizabeth his sisters? How related to Jehosaphat Ladd of Fluvanna Co? **Mary O. Olson, 737 Stanley St. NE, Orangeburg, SC 29115; 803-536-2378.**

LAWSON, SOCKWELL, SYDNOR, WALE: An inventory of estate of George Wale 1672 Lancaster Co names property in MD which was sold by guardians of George Wale Jr. Was Letitia who m Rowland Lawson bef 1642, a dau of George Wale? Their dau m/1 Lancelot Sockwell; m/2 Fortunatus Sydnor; m/3 William Lawrence. **Gwen Boyer Bjorkman, 4425 - 132nd Ave. SE, Bellevue, WA 98006-2126.**

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BALLARD, PARKER, JAMES: John Ballard wrote a will in 1681 in Henrico Co giving all of his estate to Richard Parker who m Elizabeth. Was Elizabeth Parker, John Ballard's dau? Who were the pars of Elizabeth Ballard who m Joseph James 1793 Bedford Co? **Gwen Boyer Bjorkman, 4425 - 132nd Ave. SE, Bellevue, WA 98006-2126.**

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DICKENSON, BRYSON: Seek pars of Martin Dickenson of Grayson Co b ca 1776, m Mary Bourne. Was his mother a Bryson? He and Elijah Harris were executors of Robert Thompson's will 1820 Surry Co, NC. Were they related? Was Justiana Dickenson a sister? **Shirley Hunt, 15196 W. Lynn Dr., Elsinore, CA 92530.**

WORD, ADAMS, DICKENSON, BRYSON: Seek info on Charles Word, will 1780 Surry Co, NC, m 1768 to Elizabeth Adams. Sons: Thomas Adams Word b 1768, m Justiana Dickenson (was she related to Martin Dickenson?); William m Elizabeth Bryson. Was she related to Martin Dickenson also? **Shirley Hunt, 15196 W. Lynn Dr., Elsinore, CA 92530.**

DeBUTTS: Genealogy being compiled. Seek descs of John DeButts (d 1803 Sharpsburg, Washington Co, MD) and of Dr. Samuel DeButts (d 1814 at Mt. Welby, Pr Geo Co, MD). **George Ely Russell, PO Box 505, New Market, MD 21774-0505. ghmj48b@prodigy.com**

COUNCILL, HODGES, WOOTEN, BRYAN, WHITMEL: Hodges Councill Sr d 1699 in Isle of Wight Co. Dau, Lucy Council, m Richard Wooten Sr. Also, likely dau, Christiana Council m Edward Bryan but need missing links to Col. Thomas Whitmel of 1730s Bertie Co, NC. **J.A.L. Miller, Jr., 2810-K Carriage Dr., Winston-Salem, NC 27106-5328.**

PINKSTON/PINKSTONE,(ROSENSTIEN?): Richard Pinkston from Fairfax Co to Rowan Co, NC, 1760s. Shadrack Pinkston to GA. Seek Pinkston/Pinkstone data in Fairfax, Westmoreland, Northumberland cos during the 1700s. **J.A.L. Miller, Jr., 2810-K Carriage Dr., Winston-Salem, NC 27106-5328.**

ACKERLY, MILLER, SUMMERS: Seek info/descs of John Paul Ackerly who m 1788 Augusta Co to Sarah Miller (dau of Stephen Miller), d 1827 Rockbridge Co. Also, Andrew Summers d 1834 Monroe Co, m 1793 Augusta Co to Margaret Miller. **David Streets, 914 Holly Rd., Black Mountain, NC 28711.**

ROWE, GARNETT, FLYNT, GAINES, JONES: Seek info on Benjamin Rowe who d 1792 Culpeper Co. Daus m into Garnett, Flynt, Gaines, Jones families of Culpeper Co. **David Streets, 914 Holly Rd., Black Mountain, NC 28711.**

CRAGG, NORTHROP, PARSONS: Seek pars of William Cragg who d 1760 Sussex Co, and his wife Anne or Susanna. Seek wife's maiden name. Daus Mary "Polly" and Jane Northrop named in will. Also, seek pars of William Parsons who m Mary "Polly" Cragg ca 1763. **Bernice F. White, 506 Glendale Ave., Houma, LA 70360-7320.**

BETHELL, HURST: Seek pars of William Bethell and his wife Jean or Jane Hurst who were m 1739 in

Overwharton Parish, Stafford Co. **Bernice F. White, 506 Glendale Ave., Houma, LA 70360-7320.**

CLARKE: Andrew Clarke b ca 1783 Scotland, d 1860 Henrico Co, m Mary (b VA). John Clarke b ca 1804 Scotland, in Henrico Co 1850 and 1860 with wife, Araminta, and family. Susanna Clarke b 1805/10 VA (pars from Dundee, Scotland), m John Knauff 1827 Henrico Co. How are these Clarkes related? **Norman Peters, Box 21117, Washington, DC 20009.**

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ROLFE/ROFFE/RELF: Seek names of ch left in Surry or Isle of Wight cos 1693 when their pars, John Rolfe and wife Mary, and an Indian woman named Mary, moved to Pasquotank Co, NC. They remained there after they changed their surnames to Relfe. **William A. Rolfe, 2209 Persimmon Trek, Richmond, VA 23233-2724.**

WRIGHT, WEST: Seek info on Anderson Wright, m Elizabeth Langford 1794 Mecklenburg Co. Was he son of Solomon Wright? Associated families: Morgan, Rainey, Watson, Holmes, Poole. Also, Sampson West, Isle of Wight Co until 1759. Was his wife Dorenda, dau of Nathan Williford? Appreciate any references to Wilson West bef 1800. **Carol T. York, 41 Four Winds Dr., Middletown, NJ 07748.**

CRAVENS, SLAUGHTER, KEELING: Jesse Cravens m Ann McClure 1789 Lincoln Co, KY. Was it his son, Jesse, who m Lovina Slaughter 1816 Knox Co, KY? A Jesse Cravens mentioned in *Calendar - Virginia State Papers*, Aug. 11, 1792 to Dec. 31, 1793. Seek info on these Cravens and Lovina Slaughter's pars. **Pat Cravens Hornaday, 1510 Poinsettia Ave., Tarpon Springs, FL 34689-2325.**

PARISH/PARRISH, WILKENS: Seek par of both Milly Parish/Parrish and John Wilkens who m 1802, lived VA area. Milly 17 yrs old when m and John was 30 yrs old. Was Milly w/2? Was David Parish, who lived nearby, kin to Milly? Are the Wilkens (Halifax, Mecklenburg cos) related? **Arlina C. Moss, 110 Harvey St., Punta Gorda, FL 33950-3615.**

TALLY, HITE: Seek par of Matilda Tally who m Standley Hite Jr in Granville Co, NC, 1820 with Stephen Tally as bondsman and Jno. P. Smith as witness. Was Stephen Tally kin to her? **Arlina C. Moss, 110 Harvey St., Punta Gorda, FL 33950-3615.**

PARISH, HUMPHREY: Seek proof that Nany Parish (wife of Reece Price) was the dau of Abraham Parish and Sara Clark, and that Abraham is the son of Humphrey Parish I, and he is the son of Humphrey II (St Paul's Parish, New Kent Co). **Mrs. Charles F. Allen, 6 Capitan Ct., Charleston, SC 29406.**

JOHNSON/JOHNSTON, HEATHERINGTON: Seek info regarding par of Elias Earl Johnson/Johnston b NC

per 1860 NC census, d 1882 per tombstone located Cooley Springs, SC, m Elizabeth Heatherington. Seek date/place of their marriage. All assistance appreciated. **Shirley Wagstaff, PO Box 1559, Bandon, OR 97411.**

SCOGGINS, BOSTIC/BOSTICK: Seek info on Richard Scoggins b Halifax Co ca 1700. It is said his wife's name was Mary (b Halifax Co). Mary left will in 1780 naming ch. Richard and Mary are the par of Ruth Scoggin who m Charles Bostic/Bostick. All assistance appreciated. **Shirley Wagstaff, PO Box 1559, Bandon, OR 97411.**

BATES: Seek info/proof of moth of ch of John Bates (b 1655 VA, d 1719 York Co). John m/1 Elizabeth Daniel; m/2 Hannah Trudall. He had pos 6 ch: Isaac, Ann, George, Hannah, James and John. Which are Elizabeth's? Which are Hannah's? John's son, John Jr, b ca 1685-ca 1723 VA. **Anne Crase, 108 Marilyn Ave., Centralia, IL 62801.**
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BRINK: Would like to corresp with anyone researching the Brink family. In particular, Samuel Brink ca 1770 and Hybert Brink from VA to Fayette Co, KY, area. **Karen King Scales, 1410 Galbraith Rd., Frankfort, KY 40601.**
KScale441@aol.com

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

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