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ONE-WEEK SALE on Midwestern CDs & Books

(Sale prices in effect until 11:59 PM, EDT, Monday, June 30. Sale prices on Ohio CDs extended for this event!)

Four of the six CDs we re-manufactured for June relate to Ohio. Since we probably won't feature them or discount the prices on them again soon, we have decided to put a number of our other midwestern products on sale at this time.

If you've ever flown across the midwestern part of the U.S., you're bound to have noticed the uniform rectangular parcels of land. This pattern of land division is the direct result of the Land Ordinance of 1785, which, along with the Northwest Ordinance of 1787, represented the most important piece of legislation enacted by the U.S. government prior to the ratification of the Constitution. Passage of these two statutes following the Revolutionary War was made possible when private land speculators, the state of Virginia, and other states relinquished their claims on the frontier to the new American government.

From a genealogical perspective, the terms of these two laws assured that future researchers would rely on land, census, and Revolutionary War records to pin down their midwestern pioneer ancestors. The Land Ordinance of 1785 dictated that the Northwest Territory (the future states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin) be laid out in a series of rectangular grids. Each grid consisted of townships six miles square, which would themselves be subdivided into 36 sections of 640 acres (one square mile). The government established land offices in places like Cincinnati and Marietta, Ohio, making it easy for midwestern pioneers to purchase their property. This straightforward method of surveying, laying out, and purchasing public land made it possible for ordinary citizens, Revolutionary War veterans holding land bounties, speculators, and others to populate the area very rapidly. The Northwest Ordinance of 1787 stipulated how a territory like Indiana or Illinois should be organized and, once a territorial census could confirm that the population had reached the minimum threshold, apply for statehood. The two statutes worked hand in glove--so much so that Ohio would achieve statehood in 1803, Indiana in 1816, and Illinois in 1818.

The CDs and books described below underscore the importance of land, census, and Revolutionary War records for genealogy research in the midwestern states during the first half of the 19th century. For the next seven days (until 11:59 PM, EDT, Monday, June 30) you can purchase them for 25% or more below their original retail prices.

OHIO LAND AND TAX RECORDS, 1787-1840 (CD)

With information on Ohio's earliest settlers, this magnificent CD contains the following five publications, all linked by a single electronic name index and a unique search engine: "Early Ohio Settlers: Purchasers of Land in Southwestern Ohio, 1800-1840," by Ellen T. Berry and David A. Berry; "Early Ohio Settlers: Purchasers of Land in East and East Central Ohio, 1800-1840," by Ellen T. Berry and David A. Berry; "Early Ohio Settlers: Purchasers of Land in Southeastern Ohio, 1800-1840," by Ellen T. Berry and David A. Berry; "Early Ohio Tax Records," by Esther Weygant Powell; and "First Ownership of Ohio Lands," by Albion M. Dyer.

Was \$29.99 Now \$19.99

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7651&NLC-GenPointers1

OHIO VITAL RECORDS #1, 1800-1850 (CD)

This CD is a fully indexed and searchable version of the Ohio genealogy magazine, "Gateway to the West," which was published by Anita Short and Ruth Bowers from 1967 to 1978. From common pleas court records, guardianships, naturalizations, and deed abstracts to the more conventional births, marriages, deaths, cemetery records, and wills, "Gateway" offered a range of genealogical source material spanning 76 of Ohio's 88 counties.

Serious students of Ohio genealogy have always recognized the value of "Gateway," but because it ceased publication a generation ago many researchers have never heard of it. "Gateway to the West" is now available on a single CD entitled OHIO VITAL RECORDS #1, 1800-1850. This terrific CD covers 93,000 Ohio settlers from the first half of the 19th century--every one of whom is searchable by means of the CD's electronic index. Compared to the original \$125.00 selling price of the book version, OHIO VITAL RECORDS #1, already a genealogist's bargain at the retail price of \$29.99, is \$10.00 off for the next seven days.

Was \$29.99 Now \$19.99

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OHIO VITAL RECORDS #2, 1750s-1880s (CD)

This Family Archive CD contains images of the pages of the following three books originally published by GPC: (1) "Ohio Cemetery Records," (2) "Ohio Marriages," and (3) "Ohio Source Records." Comprised of articles that originally appeared in either "The 'Old Northwest' Genealogical Quarterly" or "The Ohio Genealogical Quarterly," the records name approximately 71,000 individuals. Articles in "Ohio Cemetery Records" consist mainly of tombstone inscriptions. Articles in "Ohio Marriages" provide the names of the brides and grooms and the dates and places of the marriages. "Ohio Source Records," on the other hand, contains a wide variety of materials, including family histories, Bible records, will abstracts, vital records, newspaper abstracts, and tax lists.
Was \$29.99 Now \$19.99

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EARLY OHIO SETTLERS (CD)

This CD collection of Ohio genealogical records refers to approximately 165,000 individuals and contains everything from vital records to the biographies that bring your Ohio research to life. Based on marriage records, cemetery inscriptions, genealogies, censuses, biographical sketches, tax lists, newspaper abstracts, and vital records, it is the gold standard for traditional genealogical source records. Not surprisingly, many of these records date from as early as 1787, when the Northwest Territory was opened to settlement, or from 1803, when Ohio became a state. Indexed.

Was \$29.99 Now \$19.99

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OHIO VALLEY GENEALOGIES. Relating Chiefly to Families in Harrison, Belmont, and Jefferson Counties, Ohio, and Washington, Westmoreland, and Fayette Counties, Pennsylvania

This popular book contains genealogies of about 350 families who settled in Pennsylvania between the Blue Ridge Mountains and the Alleghenies, and genealogies of those families who migrated across the Ohio River and made the first settlements in the Northwest Territory, now part of Ohio.

Was \$20.00 Now \$14.95

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=2517&NLC-GenPointers1

MICHIGAN GENEALOGY: Sources & Resources. Second Edition

First published in 1987, this, more recent, second edition not only incorporates the latest descriptions of the holdings of state and county repositories but also adds chapters on Internet sources of Michigan genealogy and other topics not found in the original edition. Among the focal points of this extraordinary book, the researcher will find coverage of

Michigan's settlements and settlers, census records and their substitutes, court and land records, Internet sources, genealogical profiles of Michigan's 83 counties, and much more. Whether you plan to do research in Michigan or on the Web, you will find MICHIGAN GENEALOGY to be the one resource you cannot live without.

Was \$35.00 Now \$25.95

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=3525&NLC-GenPointers1

MICHIGAN MILITARY RECORDS

The major portion of this valuable source is devoted to a listing of Revolutionary soldiers buried in Michigan, giving for each soldier his full name, date of birth, and date and place of death and burial; parents' names; names of wife and her parents and the wife's date and place of birth and death; names of children and their dates of birth; a record of Revolutionary War service; and a variety of other biographical information.

Was \$29.50 Now \$21.50

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=5370&NLC-GenPointers1

REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS Buried in Illinois

This work contains notices of about 700 Revolutionary War soldiers who were buried in Illinois. Most of the patriots are identified according to where and when they served, date and place of birth, place of residence in Illinois, date of death, whether pensioned or not, and miscellaneous biographical information. A complete alphabetical list of all Illinois Revolutionary veterans follows at the back of the volume.

Was \$22.50 Now \$16.50

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=6125&NLC-GenPointers1

FRENCH AND BRITISH LAND GRANTS in the Post Vincennes (Indiana) District, 1750-1784

The American State Papers are official government documents that were printed long before the creation of the U.S. Government Printing Office. Although these documents cover a myriad of issues (e.g., foreign affairs, commerce, etc.), for genealogists the most important categories are "Public Land" and "Claims," and it is upon these categories that this volume is based. These records range from mere lists of inhabitants to lists of claimants to land surveys and to rejected claims. In many cases we also learn the name of a spouse or other relative and a description of a lot, usually stating its proximity to the owners of other lots. Nearly 3,000 French and British pioneers are named in this work, all of whom may be found in the indexes.

Was \$32.50 Now \$22.95

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9835&NLC-GenPointers1

INDIANA LAND ENTRIES. Volume 1: Cincinnati District, 1801-1840

The earliest land records of Indiana Territory go back to 1801, when Indiana was under the authority of the federal land district in Cincinnati, Ohio. The earliest tract books, which are transcribed here, extend from April 1801 to August 1840. The area covered is mainly a district known as the "wedge" or "gore," and it comprises all of the present Indiana counties of Ohio, Dearborn, Union, and Wayne; most of Switzerland, Fayette, Franklin, and Randolph; and a tiny section of Jay. The records copied here give the names of about 10,000 purchasers of land, as well as the specific location of their land and the date of the record.

Was \$18.50 Now \$13.95

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=6158&NLC-GenPointers1

INDIANA LAND ENTRIES. Volume 2, Part 1: Vincennes District, 1807-1877

This volume of land records covers approximately the central third of the Vincennes District, comprising all of the present Indiana counties of Daviess, Gibson, Knox, Martin, and Pike, and more than half of Monroe and Lawrence. Beginning in 1807 and extending as late as 1877, the records transcribed here give the names of about 12,000 purchasers of land as well as the specific location of their land and the date of the record.

Was \$18.50 Now \$13.95

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=6159&NLC-GenPointers1

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"ONLINE RESOURCES for Finding Living Relatives, Part II: The Sources," by William Dollarhide

[The following is based on Bill Dollarhide's article, "The Best Internet Sites for Finding Living Relatives," which appeared in Everton's "Genealogical Helper," Vol. 61, Issue No. 5 (Sep-Oct 2007). Reprinted by permission. The first part of the article appeared in last week's issue of "Genealogy Pointers" (06-17-08).]

Researchers have a number of good tools at their disposal for finding living relatives. Here are the top 25 People Finder websites from Everton Publisher's Best Rated Genealogy Sites:

FIRST PLACES TO LOOK

- Google (www.google.com/advanced_search). Free site. If the surname is fairly common, use the Advanced Search option, "with at least one of the words." Keywords might include "living," "born," "married," or "resides."
- Ancestry.com (www.ancestry.com). Subscription site. There are more names here from recent directories and public records databases than any other place on the Internet. Non-members may search the indexes for free.
- ProGenealogists.com (www.progenealogists.com/genealogysleuthb.htm). Free site. The Genealogy Sleuth pages are portals to the "Find Living Relatives" websites most used by professional genealogists. Contains direct links to all of the websites listed below.

LIBRARY RESOURCES

- ReferenceUSA (www.slco.lib.ut.us/database-referenceUSA.htm). Free to library patrons only. This large database of names from current directories is found at subscribing libraries only. The example here is from the Salt Lake County Library System. Check with your local library to see if they subscribe and perhaps allow home access via a library card ID.
- Telephone Directories and Locators (www.slco.lib.ut.us/TELEDIRS.HTM). Free site. An example of a portal with links to several online directories, this is a webpage sponsored by the Salt Lake County Library System. There are more of these types of sites at libraries all over the country.

FREE DIRECTORY LOOKUP SITES

- ZabaSearch.com (<http://zabasearch.com>). Free site. Free people search and much more. There are probably more names here than at any other free site. (For virtually every test name that I used at all of the free sites, ZabaSeach.com came back with five times the number of responses as the other sites.) But search the other sites as well--there will be sites where certain names appear nowhere else.
- 411.Info (www.411.info/). Free site. Very complete U.S. directory lookups. See also www.411.ca/ for Canadian directories.
- DA+ (Directory Assistance Plus) (www.daplus.us/). Free site. A service of InfoUSA, this public directory lookup service is very complete.
- InfoSpace.com (www.infospace.com). Free site. The search engine for Dogpile, MetaCrawler, WebCrawler, and WebFetch, and with directory listings from SuperPages, BellSouth, and Yellow Book, this is an important stop in your directory searching.
- The Ultimate White Pages (www.theultimates.com/white/). Free site. Featuring six different directory lookups on the same page, this site may save you time and effort.

- SearchBug.com (www.searchbug.com/peoplefinder/). Free site. Includes White Pages, Yellow Pages, and names from the PeopleFinders.com site (for fee-based extended searches).

- SuperPages.com (www.superpages.com/). Free site. White Pages and Yellow Pages are well done at this site, with a good-sized database of names.

- WhitePages.com (www.whitepages.com/). Free site. Includes White Pages, Yellow Pages, and extended name lists from the USSearch.com site (for fee-based searches).

U.S. PUBLIC RECORDS DATABASES (Fee-based Searches)

- USSearch.com (1-800-U.S. Search) (www.ussearch.com/consumer/index.jsp). Fee-based searches. Remember their TV ads back in the 1990s, "Find anyone, call Nick." The company has more than one billion names indexed from many public records, with search reports at \$39.95 (and up).

- PeopleFinders.com (www.peoplefinders.com/). Fee-based searches. More than one billion names from public records. The lookup of names is free, but the results list will have only the name and city/state of residence. Fees begin at \$9.95 for a one-person report with a name, address, and phone number. Extended searches cost more.

- Intelius.com (www.intelius.com/). Fee-based searches. For over one billion names, the index search is free, but the results list will give you only the name and city/state of residence. Searches within specific databases are priced as low as \$5.95/person to \$39.95 for major lookups.

PEOPLE & ADDRESS DATABASE FINDING TOOLS

- SearchSystems.net (www.searchsystems.net/). Subscription site. The largest directory of U.S. Public Records on the Internet, this site is a resource for business information, corporate filings, property records, deeds, mortgages, criminal and civil court filings, inmates, offenders, births, deaths, marriages, unclaimed property, professional licenses, and much more. The site is a portal to searchable databases containing billions of names. This is not a master index, but rather an identification and link to more than 38,500 public records databases where online searching for people can take place. At \$4.95/month, a SearchSystem.net subscription may provide "more bang for the buck" than any other site.

- NetrOnline.com (www.netronline.com/public_records.htm). Free site. This site is a portal to find any county of the U.S. with real estate records online. Not all counties have these records online, but those that do can be found here from a list of all 3,146 U.S. counties. The county Assessors, Recorders, Auditors, etc., are the official repositories for recorded deeds, tax assessments, and property histories--all excellent sources for names, addresses, and phone numbers.

- VirtualGumshoe.com (www.virtualgumshoe.com/). Subscription site. Designed for private investigators, this site has the largest nationwide criminal database on the Web. Maybe your missing relative is not lost at all, just serving time. Reports here start at \$39.95 to find one person.

- MilissaData.com (www.melissadata.com/lookups/index.htm). Free site. Designed for direct marketers, this site has a Free Lookups page with direct links to websites relating to the nature of places in the U.S., i.e., addresses, zip codes, area codes, sub-division maps, house numbers, street names, radius searches, carrier route searches, county maps, census maps, school district maps, city maps, U.S. place name databases, world place name databases, and much more. Another name for this site might be, "A Genealogist's Find-the-Place Toolbox."

INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORIES

- Infobel.com (<http://infobel.com/world/default.asp>). Free site. This is a portal to directory name lists online for more than 200 countries around the world. At each country, a list of directory titles is shown, and a click on a title takes you directly to the website with that online name list. Although many of the directories are in the language of the country, virtually every country has directories in English as well.

- Numberway.com (www.numberway.com). Free site. At first, Numberway.com looks like a rip-off of Infobel.com because it uses the same maps and regions and it lists the countries in the same order. But a look at the directory titles reveals that the Numberway lists are often unique and not repeats of the Infobel lists, and Numberway usually contains more directories listed for a particular country. On the other hand, Infobel.com has directory titles not listed at Numberway. Therefore, one should use both of these world directory portal sites to see what is available online.

- 192.com (www.192.com). Free site (plus fee-based details). The free portion is for a directory lookup for all of Great Britain. There are some unique databases here, such as the annual British voter lists (Electoral Rolls) for 2002-2007, which are fee-based searches. Criteria for a search requires the name of the village/town/city.

- The Phone Book (BT) (www.thephonebook.bt.com/). Free site. British Telecom, now just BT, is the dominate telecommunications system in the UK. Free lookups in current telephone directories for all of Great Britain are at this site. A search requires the name of the village/town/city.

- UK Phonebook.com (www.ukphonebook.com). Free membership site. This is a private directory publisher for all of Great Britain, and the enhanced name lists are very good. Searching here is also by place, but this site includes an interactive map at the search box screen, which can be very useful in finding a place name. [End of article]

EDITOR'S NOTE:

We should add that Mr. Dollarhide's book, GETTING STARTED IN GENEALOGY ONLINE is another good source of links to websites with information on living forebears, including records of birth, marriage, or death. Pick up a copy and learn which websites can open the doors for you to the most important genealogy collections in libraries, archives, and genealogical societies for all 50 states. Designed as a beginner's guide, this book's 64 pages pack more clout than any 64 pages ever written on the subject of online genealogy. The book includes the author's unique seven-step system for gathering facts essential for any genealogical project. At the back of the book are Master Forms the reader can use to keep track of research information. What more could you ask for in such a small package?

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STILL MORE JUNE PUBLICATIONS from Clearfield Company

ROSTER OF OHIO SOLDIERS in the War of 1812

Here is the complete roster of all Ohio soldiers and officers in the War of 1812, according to official records. It includes the names of about 25,000 soldiers and officers, with such information as rank, dates of service, and source of information.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=4300&NLC-GenPointers1

MEMORY TREES--Family Trees for the Scrapbooker

MEMORY TREES begins with suggestions for choosing the design of your family tree by using purely aesthetic considerations or one or more subject themes (births, careers, homes, geography, pets, cars, vacations, etc.) that are important to a particular family. With a design in mind and one of Tony Matthews' layouts selected, the scrapbooker can choose from a myriad of beautiful papers, borders, stickers, stencils, clip-art, stamps, etc., etc., that are readily available. Matthews has laid out each tree within a 10" x 10" border, the size most commonly used for scrapbook albums. The layouts themselves range from hearts and flowers to shields and armor, from toys to crosses, and from dinosaurs to computers.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9797&NLC-GenPointers1

FINDING YOUR IRISH ANCESTORS: Unique Aspects of Irish Genealogy

Brian Mitchell, author of the popular "Pocket Guide to Irish Genealogy" and "Finding Your Irish Ancestors," here expounds on topics not found in his earlier books and expands on others that are. For example, there are two chapters on the importance of surnames and place names in family history. The place name chapter, in particular,

explains the etymological origins of a number of Irish townlands and the all-important finding-aid, the "General Alphabetical Index to the Townlands and Towns, Parishes and Baronies of Ireland." Another neglected topic is the role of local history in Irish genealogy. The chapter on emigration and Irish passenger lists includes a brief history of 19th-century Irish emigration, while another chapter focuses on how to make the best use of church registers, perhaps the single most important source in Irish genealogy.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9408&NLC-GenPointers1

FOURTH & FIFTH CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS to Pocahontas' Descendants

This book contains the final installments in the series "Pocahontas' Descendants" by Stuart E. Brown and others. This present volume, consisting of two separate sections of additions and corrections to the existing canon, contains 80 pages of changes and revisions, with separate indexes referring to 2,800 names. Following the pattern of the earlier volumes, the name of the spouse of a Pocahontas descendant is listed even if that spouse is not a descendant of Pocahontas, but the parents of such a spouse are not listed. This volume is an indispensable adjunct to contemporary Pocahontas scholarship and should be sought after by all persons and libraries that possess the earlier volumes.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9837&NLC-GenPointers1

MISSING RELATIVES AND LOST FRIENDS

For his latest book, Maryland genealogist Robert Barnes has abstracted advertisements for missing relatives and lost friends from scores of newspapers published in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Virginia, as well as a few from New York and the District of Columbia. The newspaper issues begin in 1719 (when the "American Weekly Mercury" began publication in Philadelphia) and run into the early 1800s. The author's comprehensive bibliography, in the Introduction to the work, lists all the newspapers and other sources he examined in preparing the book. The volume references 1,325 notices that chronicle the appearance or disappearance of 1,566 persons.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9622&NLC-GenPointers1

TRANSATLANTIC VOYAGES, 1600-1699. Second Edition

This book brings together evidence of voyages from Scandinavia, Germany, the Netherlands, France, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, and the Channel Islands to North America and the West Indies during the 17th century. Using primary and secondary sources in Europe and America, David Dobson has compiled evidence of voyages between the aforementioned countries and America--in either direction--from 1600 through 1699. The ports of origin in Europe identified by Mr. Dobson may well indicate the localities whence the first emigrants originated and, therefore, places where genealogical research may be conducted. The record entries are arranged alphabetically and give the name of

the ship and its captain, ports of embarkation and/or arrival, dates, the source of the information, and a few high seas anecdotes.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9854&NLC-GenPointers1

IRISH EMIGRANTS TO NORTH AMERICA [1670-1830]. Part Six

This is the sixth installment (and the third volume) in a series compiled by David Dobson that documents the departure of thousands of individuals who left Ireland for the New World between roughly 1670 and 1830. As many as half of the immigrants referred to here disembarked at Canadian ports in Ontario, while most of the rest entered North America through New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina. Part Six is based mainly on archival sources in Canada, England, Ireland, Scotland, and the U. S., as well as contemporary newspapers and journals, a few published records, and some gravestone inscriptions from both sides of the Atlantic.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9796&NLC-GenPointers1

SCOTS-IRISH LINKS, 1575-1725: Part Six

This is the fifth volume (sixth part) in a series compiled by David Dobson to identify the Lowland Scots who migrated to Ulster between 1575 and 1725, many of whose progeny may have emigrated to America. As he has for the prior volumes, Mr. Dobson here relies on primary and secondary source material found in Scotland and Ireland. With one or two exceptions, Mr. Dobson has extracted his findings from sources not consulted for the previous volumes, such as the National Archives, London; the Prerogative Court of Canterbury; the Presbytery Book of Kirkcaldy, 1630-1653; the Extracts of the Records of the Burgh of Stirling; and a number of other sources.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9816&NLC-GenPointers1

FRENCH PROTESTANTS in the New World--CD & Books

According to George Reaman's classic book, "The Trail of the Huguenots," an estimated two million Huguenots (French Protestants) fled France following King Louis XIV's revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685. The Huguenots, as Mr. Reaman remarks, "did not establish large French-speaking culture islands within other peoples. Only here and there did a refugee congregation continue to worship in French. They did not form large and homogeneous groups, like the Dutch in South Africa, the Germans in eastern Pennsylvania, or even like the Roman Catholics in eastern Canada. Rather, the Huguenots chose to let themselves merge with the cultural and economic life of their newly adopted lands, accepting the ways and modes of their new homes with eagerness."

One reason for this unique form of dispersion, according to Mr. Reaman, is that "it was not a mass movement of people. Rather it was a steady flow of individuals and families. During the period of this migration it was illegal to flee France; capture meant the gallows. So the border was crossed in secret, not by large conspicuous groups, but by families and individuals; and sometimes even families were broken up."

The Huguenots ultimately dispersed to the Netherlands, England, Ireland, and North America. In this country, Huguenots founded, or figured in the establishment of, early settlements in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Virginia, and South Carolina--in some instances even before the English arrived. If your missing links settled in one of the numerous Huguenot jumping-off points in North America during the late 17th or early 18th century, you might have Huguenot ancestry.

HUGUENOT SETTLERS IN AMERICA, 1600s-1900s (CD)

This CD is by far the best value in Huguenot genealogy. It contains page images of 16 separate Huguenot publications, including George Reaman's "The Trail of the Huguenots." The CD not only chronicles the story of this great Diaspora but also preserves the identities of thousands upon thousands of Huguenot emigrants to the Americas and beyond. Fully searchable via its electronic index, this CD provides the equivalent of a comprehensive library of Huguenot history and, quite possibly, just the link you need to your own Huguenot ancestors.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7600&NLC-GenPointers1

THE TRAIL OF THE HUGUENOTS

For those of you who prefer to read about your Huguenot ancestors in book form, Mr. Reaman's treatise is still the best in its field. This is the story of the great exodus of the Huguenots from France at the end of the 17th century. Over half of the book is devoted to the Huguenots and their direct descendants in Canada and the U.S., dealing with those who settled in North and South Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, and New England. An Appendix features the names of hundreds of Huguenot immigrants with dates and places of their arrival, as well as short biographical sketches with genealogical data.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=4810&NLC-GenPointers1

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MAJOR REFERENCE BOOKS Document How Royal Progeny Came to America

The system of primogeniture, the medieval practice of passing down a title and its holdings to one's eldest son (or daughter), accounts for the fact that many Americans have royal or noble ancestors. For example, the millions of descendants of the 688 immigrant ancestors discussed in the 2008 edition of Gary Boyd Roberts' book, ROYAL

DESCENTS OF 600 IMMIGRANTS ("RD 600"), share royal ancestry because of a pattern of social leveling common to most Western European nations. Second and subsequent sons or daughters of kings became or married nobles. Younger sons or daughters of the nobility became or married "gentry"--knights, manorial lords, gentlemen with coats-of-arms, baronets, lairds, and seigneurs. The younger children of the gentry became or married merchants, clergymen, Puritan or Huguenot leaders, university fellows, bureaucrats, or professional soldiers. Left with few alternatives on the social ladder, members of these last groups, or their younger sons and daughters, immigrated to the American colonies and later to the U.S.

So the younger children of kings became nobles, younger children of nobles became gentry, younger children of gentry became professionals, and the children of professionals often came to America. In fact, Mr. Roberts' 688 immigrants of royal descent link millions of modern Americans to the ancient and medieval world. These immigrants also link a likely majority of middle-class suburbanites to most of European nobility--noble leaders of the French Revolution, early Spanish conquistadors, Italian Renaissance princes, Polish and Hungarian nobles (in each country all landowners were noble), princely Austrian conservatives, Prussian Junker generals, the Vasas of Sweden, the Romanoffs of Russia, and the princely Russian intelligencia were also descended from Plantagenet (English), Capetian (French), and Hohenstaufen (German) rulers of the era 1200 to 1400.

Readers finding immigrant ancestors in "RD 600" can thus connect personally to a large chunk of world history. Readers will encounter examples of recent immigrants from various of the just-mentioned European groups, plus American descendants of such figures as Lucretia Borgia, Hernando Cortez, and Peter Paul Rubens. Distant European cousins who came to America recently include the German rocket scientist Wernher von Braun, actress Audrey Hepburn (whose mother was a Belgian baroness), the Swede Dag Hammarskjold (Secretary-General of the United Nations and long a New Yorker), the Czech Mazaryks, and British writers P. G. Wodehouse, Aldous Huxley, and Noel Coward.

The typical contemporary American has either colonial ancestry that probably includes one or more of these 688 immigrants or has children-in-law or brothers- or sisters-in-law with such ancestry. The distribution of the royally descended colonial immigrants who left notable American progeny, moreover, was almost evenly divided among the colonial regions of New England, the mid-Atlantic, and the Southern colonies. "RD 600" is thus not only useful to many genealogists; it is also relevant to much of the nation, and it connects many of us with Europe, the medieval and ancient worlds, and, perhaps most importantly, with each other. Anthropologists tell us, perhaps mistakenly, that everyone on the planet is a 40th cousin. This volume suggests that the kinships between Americans, Europeans, and European-derived peoples may be much closer (20th, 15th, or even as close as 10th cousins). ROYAL DESCENTS OF 600 IMMIGRANTS is perhaps the major published work to date to suggest this scope and degree of world kinship. http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=4963&NLC-GenPointers1

Americans with royal or noble ancestors also abound in the following works:

PLANTAGENET ANCESTRY: A Study in Colonial and Medieval Families

Would you like to know if one of your ancestors was descended from the Plantagenets? If so, the first place to look is this book by Douglas Richardson.

Mr. Richardson's contribution to royal genealogy documents lines of descent (legitimate and illegitimate) for approximately 185 17th-century North American colonists from the dynasty that ruled England from 1154 to 1485. It features hundreds of biographical sketches as well as more than 14,000 citations to published materials, making it the most documented sourcebook of its kind. PLANTAGENET ANCESTRY also features scores of remarkable discoveries that are certain to change the ancestry charts of many living Americans.

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ADVENTURERS OF PURSE AND PERSON, Virginia, 1607-1624/5. Fourth Edition. In Three Volumes

The purpose of this multi-volume series is to establish descents--through the sixth generation--of the approximately 150 individuals who can be identified as (1) Adventurers of Purse (i.e. stockholders in the Virginia Company of London) who either came to Virginia in the period 1607-1625 and had descendants or who did not come to Virginia within that period but whose grandchildren were residents there; or (2) Adventurers of Person, 1607-1625 (i.e. immigrants to Virginia who left descendants).

This outstanding work builds on the investigations of dozens of scholars, correcting, revising, and supplementing the best genealogical scholarship of the past half century. New discoveries, newly available information, and a further reevaluation of evidence concerning previously accepted relationships have led, in some instances, to wholesale changes in the accepted genealogies. In consequence, this fourth edition brings together the results of all the most recent scholarship of these families, expanding the limits of what is presently known and opening up possibilities for reach beyond the sixth generation.

VOLUME ONE, Families A-F

Covers the families: Andrews, Bagwell, Baley-Cocke, Barkham-Jenings, Barne, Bates, Bayly, Beheathland, Bennett (Edward), Bennett (Samuel), Bennett-Chapman, Bernard, Bibby, Bickley, Bland, Boyce, Boyle-Mountney, Branch, Buck, Burwell, Bush, Calthorpe, Calvert, Carsley, Carter, Chaplaine, Chew, Chisman, Claiborne, Clay, Clements, Cobb, Codrington, Cole, Cope, Cox, Crew, Croshaw, Crump, Curtis, Davis, Dawson, Delk, Digges, Edloe, Epes, Evelyn, Farrar, Fisher, Fleet, Flood, and Freeman.

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Covers the families: Reynolds, Robins, Rolfe, Rookings, Royall, St. Leger, Salter-Weld, Savage, Scarborough, Sharp, Sharp-Baugh, Sheppey, Slaughter, Smith (Arthur), Smith (Richard), Smith (Roger), Southey-Harmar-Littleton, Spencer, Stephens, Strachey, Swann, Tatum, Taylor-Cary, Thorowgood, Tooke, Townshend, Trussell, Utie, Utie-Bennett, Vassall, Waters, West, West (Anthony), Whiting, Wilkins, Williams, Willoughby, Wood, Woodhouse, Woodliffe, Woodson, Woodward, Wroughton, Wyatt, Yearley, Zouche.

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