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Two of our most recent CDs are on sale today and tomorrow. If you act before 11:59 p.m. EDT on July 21, you can acquire either/both of these wonderful collections of fully searchable Virginia genealogy reference works at more than 40% off the retail price.

[Shenandoah Valley Settlers](#)

Virginia's storied and spectacular Shenandoah Valley has been the subject of intense historical and genealogical interest. This CD contains the imaged, indexed pages of the following four major reference books pertaining to early settlers of Virginia's Shenandoah Valley: J.E. Norris's "History of the Lower Shenandoah Valley Counties of Frederick, Berkeley, Jefferson and Clarke"; "Virginia Valley Records: Genealogical and Historical Materials of Rockingham County, Virginia and Related Regions," by John W. Wayland; "Shenandoah Valley Pioneers and Their Descendants: A History of Frederick County, Virginia from Its Formation in 1738 to 1908," by T. K. Cartmell; and "A History of the Valley of Virginia," by Samuel Kercheval. As should be apparent, the combined books contain thousands of genealogical and biographical sketches and feature abstracts of vital records, church records, and lists of early settlers, soldiers, and pioneer families for the entire Shenandoah Valley. In the aggregate, these books total about 2,500 pages and command a price of upwards of \$200.00 on the used- or new-book markets. Now Shenandoah Valley researchers can access the contents of these fine books at a fraction of the cost on this CD from Clearfield Company.

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[Settlers of Augusta County, Virginia](#)

The parent county of Bath, Botetourt, Frederick, Highland, Rockbridge, and Rockingham counties, Augusta County, Virginia, is a magnet for genealogists because thousands of otherwise nameless pioneer families passed through this county en route to the West. Focusing exclusively on Augusta County after it was created from Orange County in 1745, the four books included in this CD offer a detailed examination of the people, places, and history of the county and include genealogies and biographies of hundreds of families who planted roots in the area or left extensive records there. In addition to family histories, these four books dwell on the early explorations and settlement of the county, colonial and Indian wars, the Revolution, the Civil War, local politics, early churches, militia, courts, migrations to and from the county, and other milestones in the county's history. But most unforgettably these books embody irreplaceable

narratives, memoirs, and records pertaining to the people and families of a unique Virginia county that at one time encompassed a large percentage of the western portion of the colony/state of Virginia.

The contents of this invaluable CD are:

Settlers by the Long Grey Trail, by J. Houston Harrison

Early West Augusta Pioneers, by George W. Cleek

History of Augusta County, Virginia, by J. Lewis Peyton

Annals of Augusta County, Virginia, by Jos. A. Waddell

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TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS: These two CDs operate with the Adobe Acrobat Reader, which can be downloaded free on the Internet.

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Download Free U.S. Census Handbook

The first six federal censuses taken following the ratification of the U.S. Constitution were relatively primitive instruments. Each of the decennial censuses between 1790 and 1840 identifies by name only the head of household. Another indication that the census was in its infancy during this period is the following observation made in the 2002 U.S. Census Bureau publication, *Measuring America: The Decennial Censuses from 1790 to 2000*: "The 1830 Census was the first enumeration in which a uniform schedule was used to enumerate the inhabitants of the United States (previously, individual marshals or the states supplied the schedules)."

We should point out, of course, that for the purposes of determining a state's representation in Congress, those censuses also tallied crucial statistics about the aggregate composition of each household (numbers of persons according to sex, age, race, free versus slave, naturalized versus native born, and so forth). Thus, despite their limitations, the early federal censuses are probably the record group most consulted by genealogists researching the first fifty years of our nation's existence. Besides, where else can you find a snapshot of every household in the country at ten-year intervals? Even without the names of other household members, moreover, researchers can deduce or infer things about their ancestors from household statistics that might lead them to other sources.

Starting with the 1850 census and, with a few exceptions, continuing through 1940, the census conveyed an ever-increasing array of information, much of it of value to genealogists. Here are some highlights of those later censuses. The 1850 census was the first to identify every household member (not just the head) by name, age, sex, race, occupation, birthplace, literacy, and a number of other characteristics. Twenty years later, the census discloses if an individual's parents were foreign born. The 1870 census also produced a supplemental schedule for persons who died during the year (mortality schedule). By 1900 enumerators were asking for the birthplace of householders and their parents and, if foreign born, their year(s) of immigration. Finally, here are some of the new criteria for the 1940 census that researchers can look forward to: owned or rented home, owned a radio, age at first marriage, whether naturalized, veteran

status, whether full or mixed blood, and tribal affiliation.

Readers will find a complete breakdown of the data gathered for each census, along with a wealth of fascinating reading about the conduct of the censuses themselves in the Census Bureau's free publication, *Measuring America: The Decennial Censuses from 1790 to 2000*. To obtain your personal copy, go to the website <http://www.census.gov/prod/www/abs/ma.html>. Once there, you can view and print a PDF version of this publication.

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New DVD! *Cemeteries of Carter County, Tennessee: An Index*, by Dianne M. Snyder

We are pleased to announce the release of our first DVD product, [Cemeteries of Carter County, Tennessee: An Index](#), by Dianne M. Snyder.

Carter County in eastern Tennessee was established from Washington County in 1796. It was the parent county, in whole or in part, of Johnson and Unicoi counties. Ms. Snyder created this new DVD in order to help researchers locate ancestors who are buried in Carter County. The result of eight years of field work in Tennessee graveyards, *Cemeteries of Carter County, Tennessee*, contains two related files. The DVD includes a full-color photographic record of all tombstones examined. The photographs are arranged alphabetically by surname and thereunder by cemetery. The genealogical heart of the work may be found in Ms. Snyder's "Index," the electronic equivalent of a 700-page volume. It is arranged alphabetically by cemetery and thereunder by decedent, and it concludes with a complete alphabetical listing of all names found on the stones. At the close of each cemetery transcription, researchers will find a "Notes" section. While the contents vary from cemetery to cemetery, the "Notes" provide details of the author's own ancestors, evidence of whom prefigured the author's acceptance into the DAR, Colonial Dames XVII Century, and the Jamestowne Society.

Several other features commend this new DVD to the researcher's attention. The DVD operates on the widely available Adobe Acrobat platform and is easy to use. (Make sure your computer is equipped with a DVD/CD drive, and not just a CD drive.)

Ms. Snyder explains the virtues of several finding aids for locating cemeteries in Carter County, including the use of GPS coordinates and the U.S. Geological Survey's Geographic Names Information System. Since a number of recent burials are listed in the "Index," genealogists may be able to gather more information about those decedents from the Social Security Death Index. Finally, although the author has surveyed the overwhelming majority of cemeteries in Carter County, very large cemeteries, like Roselawn Memorial Gardens, were beyond the scope of the project. Nonetheless, she has provided phone numbers of such cemeteries that will respond to queries.

All in all, this is a massive accomplishment, one that will save genealogists days of tramping around the Carter County, Tennessee countryside in search of elusive ancestors.
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[Index to the 1810 Census of Virginia](#)

This index consists of an alphabetical list of the heads of households in the 1810 federal census of Virginia--85,000 persons--with tabular entries showing county of residence and the page number of the census schedule.

NOTE: Enumerations for the following counties are missing: Cabell, Grayson, Greenbrier, Halifax, Hardy, Henry, James City, King William, Lee, Louisa, Mecklenburg, Nansemond, Northampton, Orange, Patrick, Pittsylvania, Russell, and Tazewell.

[Visitation of Ireland](#)

This work is a collection of Irish pedigrees containing such information as was included in the "Herald's Visitations" of the 16th and 17th centuries. The pedigrees begin, as was customary in the older Visitations, with the grandparents of the representative of the family and certain notices of all descendants, giving, in many cases, a complete record of five or more generations. Each pedigree is worked out with meticulous detail and each is authoritative.

[A History of Henry County, Virginia](#)

Although substantially a collection of family histories, *History of Henry County, Virginia* observes virtually all the conventions of the standard county history. Chapters are devoted to Henry County in the Revolution and the Civil War, to churches, towns, courts, and schools, and to an appreciation of Henry County's role in the material and spiritual development of the state and nation. Valuable appendices feature sections on abstracts of Henry County legislative petitions, lists of Henry County citizens who took the Oath of Allegiance, and marriage license bonds from 1776 to 1800.

[Some Prominent Virginia Families. Two Volumes in Four](#)

This work was originally intended as a history of the descendants of Edward Jaquin and Martha Cary, but the ever-multiplying collateral lines grew to such proportions that the book soon became a compendium of Virginia families, comprising hundreds of separate genealogies and tracing descendants through six, seven, and eight generations. The various genealogies are enhanced by the inclusion of portraits, views, and coats of arms.

[The Real Founders of New England](#)

The author demonstrates that there were planters and settlers, fishermen and traders all along the

New England coast years before the landing of the Mayflower. The book has a number of valuable appendixes.

[Passenger Lists from Ireland](#)

This work lists about 5,150 passengers who sailed from Ireland to America in the years 1811 and 1815-16, with the following information given for each passenger: the name of the ship, date of arrival, port of departure, port of entry, and point of origin.

[Records of Plymouth Colony](#)

This work consists of births, marriages, deaths, and burials from the several towns of the Colony of New Plymouth, commencing in 1647.

[Royal Families: Americans of Royal and Noble Ancestry. Volume Three: Samuel Appleton and His Wife Judith Everard and Five Generations of Their Descendants](#)

As he did for Volumes one and two in this series (see below), author Marston Watson combed scores of colonial and 19th-century newspapers, vital records, journal articles, and compiled genealogies to assemble what amounts to the most comprehensive treatment of the Appleton line ever undertaken. Anyone hoping to establish a royal/noble connection through Samuel and Judith Appleton must begin with this book.

[Royal Families: Americans of Royal and Noble Ancestry. Volume Two: Rev. Francis Marbury and Five Generations of His Descendants Through Anne \(Marbury\) Hutchinson and Katherine \(Marbury\) Scott](#)

Anne (Marbury) Hutchinson, the 17th-century Puritan heretic and co-founder of Rhode Island, died in an Indian attack with several of her children only nine years after she arrived in America. Her surviving four children and the children of her sister Katherine (Marbury) Scott produced many descendants with royal or noble ancestors. For example, the Marburys are also related to John Dryden, Jonathan Swift, Horace Walpole, and the wives of the poet Edmund Spencer and the diarist Samuel Pepys. Notable 18th-century American descendants of the Marburys include Mrs. John Singleton Copley, wife of the great American portrait painter; Thomas Hutchinson, Jr., the last colonial governor of Massachusetts; Nicholas Gilman, Jr., a signer of the Constitution; and Nicholas Brown, Jr., whose family founded Brown University.

[Baptismal and Marriage Registers of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston, Ulster County, New York, 1660-1809](#)

This work is a transcription of the oldest extant Dutch church registers in the U.S.--extending a full 150 years and bearing reference to some 44,000 persons. Included are the names of many Dutchmen who first made their homes in New York or Albany. In addition, a very large proportion of the Dutch families who immigrated to this country before the close of the 17th century are represented here, since for a long time the Kingston Church was the only ecclesiastical jurisdiction between New York and Albany. Besides the Dutch families and, of course, the English, the names of the old Huguenot residents of Kingston--many of whom subsequently moved to New Paltz--and a large number of Germans who settled at Newburgh and other places are recorded here.

[Hopewell Friends History, 1734-1934, Frederick County, Virginia. Records of Hopewell](#)

Monthly Meetings and Meetings Reporting to Hopewell

This compilation is divided into two parts. The first part is a historical section giving a broad survey of Hopewell Meeting from its origins nine years before the creation of Frederick County. Of far greater importance to genealogists is the second part, the documentary section, which encompasses 200 years of Quaker records--births, marriages, deaths, removals, disownments, and reinstatements--a good many of which cannot be found in public record offices.

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Blog: Seamen's Records, Part II

Last week's blog article by Carolyn Barkley discussed seamen's protection certificates, documents first authorized by Congress in 1796 in order to identify American merchant seamen as citizens of the U.S. and as such entitled to protection against impressment by the British Navy. This week on our blog, www.genealogyandfamilyhistory.com--in the concluding segment on this topic--Mrs. Barkley describes and evaluates the surviving records of impressed seamen themselves.

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