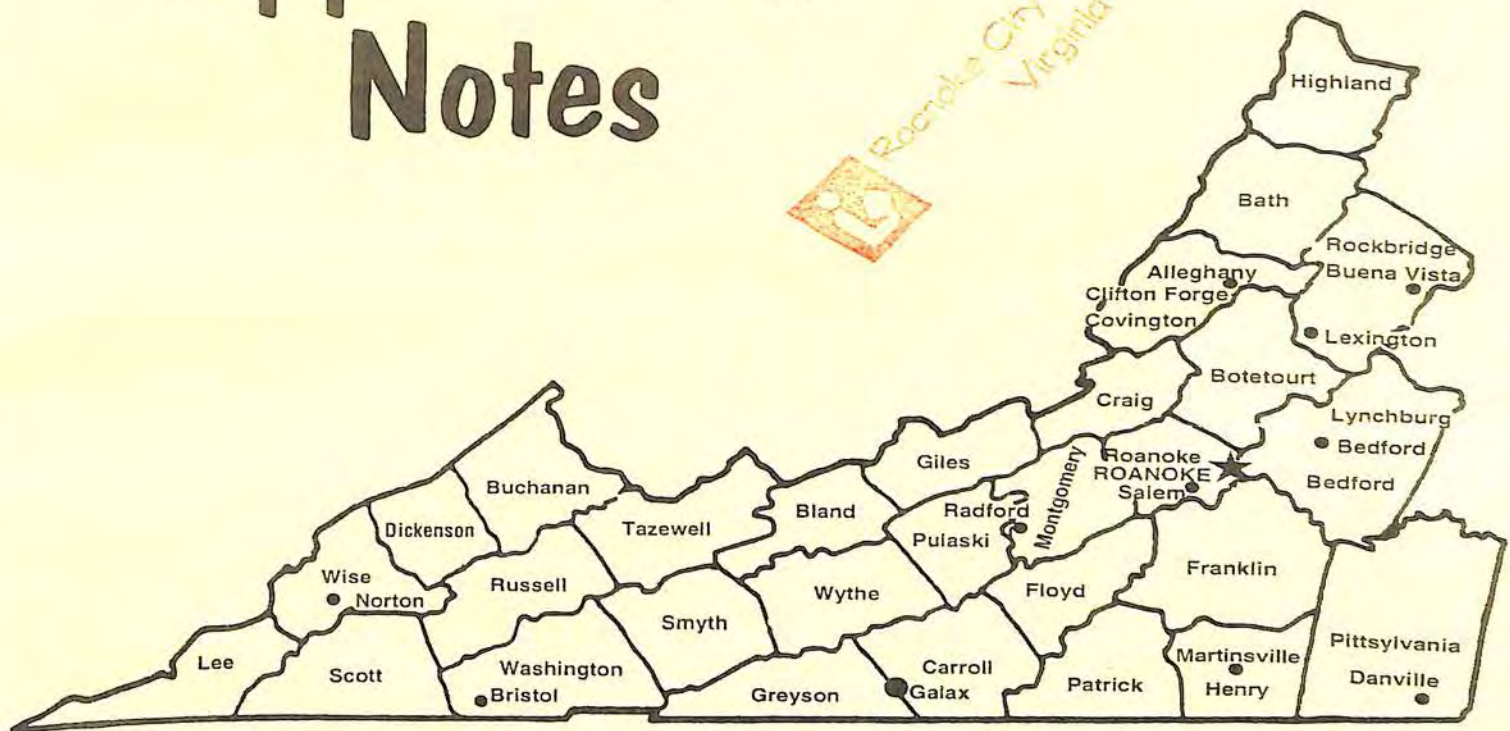


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IN MEMORIAM

Mae Dillon Moore
November 10, 1998

A memorial fund has been established in Mrs. Moore's name. If you would like to contribute to the fund, make checks payable to "Roanoke City Public Library Foundation" and in the memo space on your check write "Mae D. Moore Fund". Contributions should be sent to Roanoke City Public Library, 706 S. Jefferson Street, Roanoke, VA 24016.

SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
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OFFICE OF THE NEW PRESIDENT, WENDY MARIE JAMES

Just this past Saturday, January 16, 1999, at our first meeting of the new year, we had over 60 persons attending, many of them nonmembers who appeared to be at their first SVGS genealogical meeting and program, according to the attendance list--THIS IS GREAT!!! We had no idea how a lecture on the Melungeon Settlements in Southwestern Virginia would draw so many folks from as far away as several hours' drive from Roanoke.

A BIG THANK YOU goes to all of our new Board officers who, like those who have served before, sacrifice personal research time in order to enrich this pasttime for others, You will find the list of new (and returning) Board and Committee members on the inside front cover of this issue of the VAN. Consider yourself as a possible future candidate when election time comes around in October-November. It will be a rewarding experience to have a voting say-so in suggesting program speakers and topics and in purchasing books and equipment to further the research of our genealogical colleagues.

A BIG THANK YOU also goes to all those Board members whose two-year service ended with December 1998:

GENE SWARTZELL (1997-8 President), now Immediate Past President, who will continue to serve on the Board with her advice and expertise in things presidential;

JIM SHOTTS (1997-8 1st Vice President and Program Chair) who provided us with two outstanding years of interesting and informational programs;

SAM GOOD (1997-8 2nd Vice President) who, although inactive for several months, has now bounced back to good health;

WINFRED HART (1997-8 Treasurer) who came to my rescue when I made a mess of the Treasurer's records during 1996;

WENDY JAMES (1997-8 Recording Secretary) who at least did not make a mess of the Board and Membership Meeting minutes.

A word about several gals who have recently decided to give up or at least cut back on their activities within SVGS:

MILDRED CAMPBELL, long-time Historian but now inactive, a duty which has been accepted (following arm-twisting) by **BABE FOWLER**;

ORA BELLE MCCOLMAN, who, following a recent presidential term and many important past terms of service, might have taken on the responsibility of preparing book reviews for the VAN (following several years of duty by Gene Swartzell), but who has declined this activity mainly due to transportation limitations. Will someone else step up to help out?

Respectfully submitted:

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Online Genealogy

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There has been a revolution brought about by linking computers worldwide and it is beginning to change the field of genealogical research. Though these changes are for the most part in their infancy, their impact will grow and become one of the genealogists most important tools.

Thanks to the vision and impact of Apple Computers and their MacIntosh model, personal computers (PC) and the internet has become as easy and fun to explore as your favorite shopping mall. At first, IBM based computers were so complicated that you needed a degree in electronics and knowledge of obtuse, complicated jargon and mathematic like programming languages just to find the "on" button. Even with the development of Microsoft's software for the PC, DOS (Disk Operating System), you still needed to master a cryptic form of shorthand to manage your computer.

Now, software is pre-loaded on the PC's and computer icons have changed the complicated commands needed to operate a computer to just pointing to and clicking a symbol on the monitor screen. This has made using a PC easy and intuitive. You can plug in your computer to the electric power and your phone line, set up an internet account and start searching for your family and ancestors.

Anyone who can type can use a PC to do research on the Internet with only an hour of guidance from a computer literate friend.

Understanding what kind of resources are available on the Internet is important to the genealogist and family historian. By its very nature, no source can be better than a secondary source and is more usually tertiary or quaternary source at this time. As far as I know, no government body uses only computerized records yet. Most of the information I have found has been transcribed from historic sources and a follow up and check of source records is imperative.

At best, the Internet should be considered an additional research tool, pointing the way to sources of evidence and other genealogist researching the same lines. But, considering that the Internet can save you numerous phone calls to other researchers or hours and days of searching through the wrong courthouse for the records you want, it is and will be a boon to genealogists everywhere.

A key to using the internet for researching your ancestors is understanding what kind of information or resources each site provides. "Surfing" the net was an easy way for me to find that my great-great-grandparents were married in Brown Co., Indiana instead of Shelby Co. were they lived. Now when I plan a trip to the courthouses in Indiana, I will be sure to include Brown County.

A good point to make here, though, is that you should still take the time to go through all of the record years looking for the surnames you are researching and not just look at the date the internet gave for a particular record. Evidence seldom occurs as an isolated entry in a record book at the courthouse, so check all of the records for the period and names you are researching to get the full benefit of the "lead" the internet produces, that way you won't have to return next year.

For the purposes of this article, I have grouped internet sites of interest in to my own categories based on what I found to be the most interesting or helpful information at the site. Sites you might find interesting follow:

Best Genealogy Link Pages:

These sites make good starting points because they contain numerous hyper-links (icons you can "click" on) that will take to other genealogy and history oriented sites.

www.CyndisList.com: Cyndi's List is the best site for links on the internet.

www.skyenet/%7Estevens/gensig3.htm: Good links to Pennsylvania/German/Dutch data bases.

u-personal.umich.edu/~cgaunt/virginia.html: Links for Virginia and West Virginia genealogy sites.

www.geocities.com/SoHo/9787/ships.html: Numerous pages of links to passenger lists of early ships.

www.cowboy.net/native/indian.links.html: Native American resources.

webuser.rhein-main.net/markus.gath/nativeonline.htm: "Native America Online."

www.geocities.com/Heartland/Prairie/8962: Native American information by tribe.

www.the-spa.com:80/alan.morris/cwlinks.html: Civil War links.

Adoption Searches:

Sites to help locate birth parents.

www.reunionregistry.com

Surname Lists:

www.usgenweb.com

www.rootsweb.com/~maillist/

Genealogical Data Sites:

Currently the transcription of data to the internet is very sparse, but growing. I have found some census records, marriage record indexes, military pension record indexes, cemetery lists and even some family Bible transcriptions.

www.usgenweb.org

www.usgenweb.org/census/states.html: U.S. Census index by state.

www.rootsweb.com/~cemetery/registry.html: Cemetery registration page.

www.geocities.com/Heartland/

leo.vsla.edu: The Library of Virginia.

www.courts.state.va.us: Virginia Court site.

www.rootsweb.com/%7Eindian/index.html: Indian Captives of Early American Pioneers - A listing of known captives with query page and related links.

www.census.gov/ftp/pub/genealogy/www

www.nara.gov: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

www.nara.gov/regional/nrmenu.html: NARA Regional Record Services Facilities menu.

www.army.mil/cmh-pg/records.htm: Master Index of Army Records.

www.codetalk.fed.us/[library.html]: U.S. Government Native American site & [U.S. Government American Indian Library] site.

www.doi.gov/bureau-indian-affairs.html: Bureau of Indian Affairs site.

www.loc.gov: The Library of Congress.

Query & Newsletter sites:

www.interlog.com/~magazine/: Family Chronicle Magazine

www.onlinegenealogy.com: Journal of Online Genealogy

www.members.aol.com/NAAHKITTY: Native American Ancestry Hunting newsletter prepared by genealogist Laurie Beth Duffie.

www.nativepeoples.com: Native Peoples Magazine

www.citynet.net/mostwanted: "Genealogy's Most Wanted". Bulletin board for genealogical queries.

Genealogical Book and Software Publishers sites:Publishers:

www.everton.com: Evertom Publishers, Utah.

www.traveller.com/genealogy: Southern Genealogy books

www.ancestor.com:

www.genealogy-books.com: Jeanette Austin, Fayetteville, GA has 1200 books, records on diskette, cd roms mostly about Georgia, a free newsletter and free bible records on-line.

Software:

www.ftm.com: Family Tree Maker

www.familytreemaker.com: Family Tree Maker homepage.

www.palladium.net: Palladium Interactive makers of The Ultimate Family Tree Maker software.

Home Pages:

There are county, state, and historical organization homepages with links to databases of interest to genealogists. There are also ethnic organizations with genealogical information such as Native American, Jewish, Irish and Polish. There are historic special interest sites such as the Titanic , the Oregon Trail, the Orphan Train, Descendant's of Pochahontas, Virginia Civil War, and Home Pages for individual doing research with links to surname lists.

Historical Society and History oriented sites:

www.cits.org/rvhist.html: Roanoke Valley History Museum.

members.aol.com/jweaver300/grayson/vacwhp.htm: The Virginia Civil War homepage.

www.users.aol.com/ballywoodn/archeraldry.html: American College of Heraldry.

www.ukans.edu/~usa/index.html: University of Kansas provides an index of links related to U.S. history. e.g. Labor, military, immigration, Civil War, African Americans.

chnm.gmu.edu/history/depts: George Mason University links to history departments all around the world.

www.ucr.edu/h-gig/welcome.html: UC Riverside Horus History Links (alphabetically listed) to historical journals, genealogy sources, Scottish, Irish, Jewish, British and many other sites.

www.msstate.edu:80/Archives/History/USA/usa.html: Mississippi State historical text archives for the colonial period, revolution and early republic.

wwwisleuth.com/gene.html: A link site to SS Death Index, Civil War soldiers, Mayflower database, National Archives of Scotland.

raven.cc.ukans.edu: Kansas Heritage Interactive Genealogy.

www.libertynet.org/~pahist: Historical Society of Pennsylvania: A special collections library in Philadelphia.

www.sc.edu/library/socar/uscs/1993/esjame93.html: Confederados in Brazil - The Fraternity of American Descendants. An organization of over 100,000 descendants of Confederate veterans who fled to Brazil. Over 400 Confederate veterans are buried there.

waltonfeed.com/old: Essays of life in the "old days" with demonstrations of how to salt cure meat, how an ice house worked and was used, out-houses, and having to walk to school in the snow.

Phone Books:

Look up any name (surname) anywhere in the U.S. or the world, find phone numbers, addresses, e-mail, and even directions and trip maps.

www.switchboard.com

www.whowhere.com: A+ recommended - SJ

Genealogical Organization Homepages:

www.viriniogenealogy.com: Virginia Genealogy homepage.

www.worldgenweb.org: WorldGenWeb Project

www.iigs.org: International Internet Genealogical Society

www.ngsgenealogy.org: The National Genealogy Society homepage with membership information, schedules, standards, etc.

www.america.net/~ggs/index.html: Georgia Genealogy Society

www.genhomepage.com: The Genealogy Homepage.

www.gentree.com/gentree2.html

www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Trails/8050: Daughters of Native America site.

www.ncai.org: National Congress of American Indians site.

www.icomnet.com/~cheyanne: Native American genealogy.

www.pgsa.org: Polish Genealogical Society of America.

www.italgen.com/main.html: Italian Genealogy Homepage.

midas.ac.uk/genuki/big/wal/: Welsh genealogy.

world.std.com/~ahern/TIARA.html: The Irish Ancestral Research Association homepage.

www.irish-times.com: Irish Times newspaper has genealogy links and a 24 hr. net-cam showing Dublin.

Search Engines:

Sites that search for words, names or phrases through a wide segment of the internet. A note of caution: search engines do not search every database accessible to the public, but they are a good place to start and you'll want to use more than one. You must learn to use these search engines in a way that returns useful results by refining your search parameters. For instance, a search for "Smith" might return forty or fifty thousand occurrences of that name in the data bases which it searches. More useful would be "Captain John Smith", which might narrow the results returned to a few hundred or maybe a thousand occurrences.

www.yahoo.com

www.lycos.com

altavista.digital.com

www.nara.gov/cgi-bin/starfinder: NAILS search engine for NARA. Search National Archives holdings.

How-to Sites:

Some sites have free tutorials for genealogists, some you have to pay for.

Free tutorials:

www.lycos.com/wguide/tools/pgview.html: Lycoos Community - Genealogy for Beginners.

www.uftree.com: Immigration and Naturalization Tutorial in Ultimate Family Tree Premier.

agll.com/trivia/7steps2b.html: "Seven Steps to a Family Tree - A Beginners Guide to Genealogy.

www.newbie-u.com: Internet tutorials. Learn how to use FTP (File Transfer Protocol) to transfer and share your data with other researchers. Also learn how to use the Internet for IRC (Internet Relay Chat). This is an internet format that lets you use the internet for "conference calling" other researchers. Instead of talking on the phone, you enter a site called a "chat room" a site dedicated to a specialized area, such as genealogy, teenagers, sports and talk to other individuals by typing. Usually there are many people just eavesdropping, and when you ask a question or join a discussion, you may get many responses, depending on who has "dropped by." Note: If you are interested in IRC, Cyndi's List (above), will explain how it works more thoroughly and give you links where you can download the software needed to use IRC for a free 30 day trial. After 30 days, you have to pay for the software or it erases itself from your computer. Isn't technology wonderful?

htmlgoodies.com: Learn how to create your own homepages using HyperText Markup Language (HTML).

familyhistory.flash.net: The Family History Show - this site disseminates information of interest to family history researchers. There are seminars, workshops, guest speakers and internet broadcasts.

This is only a small sample of the sites of interest to genealogists that can be found on the internet. If you know of a site that would be helpful to fellow researchers, e-mail the URL and a brief description to jenkyns@roanoke.infi.net. I will include it in the next Virginia Appalachian Notes, space available.

BOOKS BY MEMBERS

One Mullins Family, Story of Family of Rev. John Mullins. Soft Cover, Indexed, 179 pages. Price \$20.00 (includes postage).

This Land, Pike Co., Ky. Soft Cover, Indexed, 157 pages. Price \$16.00, plus \$1.25 postage.

Chloe Creek Poems. Soft Cover, 42 poems. Price \$6.00 plus \$1.00 postage.

The above can be ordered from: Marie R. Justice, 452 Chloe Rd., Pikeville, KY 41501.

BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, FREE NEGROES

A List of Free Nigroes & Mulattoes within the District of James Trenor,
Commissioner of Botetourt for the Year 1802.

No	Names	Sex	Place of abode	Calling &c
1.	Jubo	Male Negro	Sinking Creek	Farmer
2.	Temperance Scott	Female Mulatto	Near Fincastle	Spinster
3.	Samue Day	Male "	"	Labourer
4.	Ben "	"	"	"
5.	Sally "	Female	"	Spinster
6.	Nancy Mathews	"	"	"
7.	Betsy Scott	"	"	9 Years Old
8.	Jeffery	Male	"	8 " "
9.	Polly	Female	"	6 " "
10.	Daniel Pharroh	Male Negro	Near Pates Store	Old & infirm
11.	Licoy	Female	"	Spinister
12.	Ebey. Jones	"	"	"
13.	Sam. B. Jones	Male Mulatto	"	2 Years old
14.	Edmond Jones Negro	Evan Day	6
15.	Cha's Rine	...Mulatto	Pates Store	Labourer
16.	George Cragg	"	Near Salem	"
17.	Elizabeth	Female	"	Spinister
18.	Catharine	"	"	"
19.	Tabitha	"	"	a child
20.	Polly	"	Jacob Shattars	"
21.	Betsey	"	Chris'n Frantz M ^S C	11 Years old
22.	Annie	"	Near Salem	a Child
23.	John Hanson	Male	"	"
24.	James Newman	"	Cravins Cove	Farmer
25.	Ben	"	" "	13 Years old
26.	Betsey	Female	"	11 "
27.	Polly	"	"	9 "
28.	Nancy	"	"	7 "
29.	Salley "	"	"	6 "
30.	Milley "	"	"	4 "
31.	Peggy "	"	"	2 "
32.	Rachel	"	"	3 Months
33.	James Newman	J'r Male	Cravins Creek	9 Years old
34.	Tommy	"	"	7 "
35.	Betsey "	Female	"	5 "
36.	Hillary	Male	"	3 "
37.	Samuel	"	"	2
38.	Sopha	Female	"	5 Months

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9	Abitha Jackson	Female mulatto)	Jacob Myars	Spinister
0	Peter Jackson	Male	"	a Child
1	Rodger Rodgers	Male negro	Jos Witherows	Farmer
2.	Elizabeth	Female "	"	Spinister
3	James	Male "	"	Child
4.	Joseph	"	"	"
5	Betsey	Female	"	"

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contributed by Charles T Burton

No	Names	Sex	Place of a bode	Calling &c
6	Samuel	Male	" (Jos Witherows)	" (child)
7	Rachel Nelson)	Female	"	Spinster
8.	Charles D'o	Male	"	Child
9.	Salley D'o	Female	"	"
0.	Fannev D'o		"	"
1.	Jamney D'o	Male	"	"
2.	Polley D'o	Female	"	"
3.	William Bird	Male	Roanoke	Farmer
4.	Hannah	Female	"	Spinster
5.	Henry Harris	Male	Near Fincastle	Labourer
6.	Hannah Campbell)	Female	Roanoke	Spinster
		Mulatto		
7.	Nathan Attoss	Male	Francis Thomas	Labourer

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A List of Free Negroes & Mulattoes in the District of John Holloway Commis-
sioner in Botetourt County for the Year 1802.

1.	Sam Callender	Male	Ja's Anderson	Tiller of Ground
2.	Nancy wife to Sam	Female		Spinster
3.	Hanna			
4.	Betsey			
5.	Sarah			
6.	Nancy			Aged 5 Years
7.	Thomas	Male		
8.	Sam			
9.	Jim			
10.	Jack			
11.	Joseph			
12.	Cynthia	Female	T Pitzer	Spinster
13.	Rachel			Aged 3 Years
14.	Deny Free man	Male	Near Pattensbg	Farmer
15.	Agg wife of Deny			

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16.	Jessee Anderson mulatto	Male	J Beales Possess'n	Farmer
17.	Nancy Anderson	FeM		
18.	Lizza			
19.	Sally			
20.	Littleberry	Male		
21.	Tom			
22.	Wilson			
23.	Polly James	Female	Same Place	Sister to Nancy Anders
24.	Ben Scott Fnegro	Male	Ja's Tapscott Land	Labourer
25.	Jenny Scott wife to Ben		Same	
26.	Allen Scott			Son to Same
27.	Meckala Scott	Female	same	Daughter to same
28.	Tarlton Scott	male		Same to Same
29.	Beverly Scott			Same
30.	Absolom Alestock	male	S Gellespies	Carpenter

31. Rebekah daughter to same		Labourer & Spinster
32. Caty - Same		Same
33. Betsy		Same
34. William Son to same		Small
35. Absolom		Same
36. Thomas		Same
37. Thomas Rodgers-Male	P Lockharts	Labourer
38. Jenny Masten-Female	Same Place	
39. Betty Mastin Daughter to Same		
40. Jefferson Son Same		
41. Frank Anderson-Male	D Shephard's	Labourer
42. Judea wife to Frank		
43. Bobb Son Same		2½ Years old
44. Abram Freeman- Male	E Mitchel's	Labourer
45. Judea wife to Abram		Same
46. Aley daughter to same		
47. Richmond son to Same		
48. Violet daughter to Abram & Judea-Female	E Mitchells	Aged 6 Years
49. Cinthia daughter to same		5
50. Bartley son to same		3 yrs
51. Frank Bannister-Male	Ja's Lackey's	Cooper &c
52. Lucy Bannister wife to Frank		Spinster
53. Beckey daughter to same		Same
54. Nancy		Same

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N'o	Parties Names	Place of Residence
5	Isbeel Daughter to Frank Bannister Lucy his wife	on the Land of James Lackey Place
6	Rachel	Do
7	James Son to Ditto	Do
8	Jenkins Do to Do	Do
9	Aleck Do to Do	Do
10	Frank Ditto to Ditto	Do
11	Billy Ditto to Ditto	Do
12	John Ditto to Ditto	Ditto
13	Abraham a Farmer	on the Land of Edw'd Mitchell
14	Juda wife to Abraham	Ditto
15	Ailsey Daughter to Juda	Ditto
16	Richmon Son to Ditto	Ditto
17.	Sinthey Daughter to Ditto	Ditto
18	Beverley Son to Ditto	Ditto
19	Sina Daughter to Ditto	Ditto
20	Ben Scott a Carpenter	on the Land of John Beale at ^{Am - 5} River
21	Jenny Scott wife to Ben Scott	Ditto
22	Mahaley Daughter to Jenney	Ditto
23	Allen Son to Ditto	Ditto
24	Tarlton Ditto	Ditto
25	^{Be - 5 / 11} Bereley Ditto	Ditto
26	James Nace a Mulatto a Forge man at Wilson's works	
27	Thomas Cumberland Ditto	at Ditto
28	Rogger a Farmer	on the Land of John Witherow

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29	Betsey wife to Rogger	Ditto
30	James Son to Betsy	Ditto
31	Joseph Ditto to Ditto	Ditto
32	Sam Ditto to Ditto	Ditto
33	Elizabeth Daughter to Betsy	Ditto
34	Derry a Farmer	on the Land of Andrew Boyd place
35	Aggey wife to Derry	Ditto
36	Betsy a Mulatto	at Thomas Cross
37	Frank Gay a Distiller	at John Dufour
38	Amy Jones a Washer woman	in Fincastle
39	Hannah Daughter to Amy Jones	Ditto
40	Silvey Ditto to Ditto	Ditto
41	Billy Son to Ditto	Ditto

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N'o	Names	Place of Residence
42	Jack Son to Amy Scott	in Fincastle
43	Tom Do to Do	Ditto
44	Tonkery Son to Hannah Jones	Ditto
45	Jenny Martin	at James Lockhart in Fincastle
46	Betsy Martin Daughter to Jenny	Ditto
47	Jefferson Martin Son to Jenny	Ditto
48	Tom Roggers	Ditto
49	Ben Day	at Thomas Beales in Fincastle
50	Polly Scott	at Elis <u>Linkenbaga</u>
51	Absolom Ailstock a Mulatto	on the Land of Robert Gillespy
52	Rebecca Daughter to Abs Ailstock	Ditto
53	Polly Ditto to Ditto	Ditto
54	Caty Ditto to Ditto	Ditto
55	William Son to Ditto	Ditto
56	Absolom Ditto to Ditto	Ditto
57	Thomas Ditto to Ditto	Ditto
58	James Ditto to Ditto	Ditto
59	Sam <u>Collender</u> a Farmer	on the Lands of J's Anderson J'r Crgs Creek
60	Nancy wife to Sam Calender	Ditto
61	Hannah Daughter to Nancy	Ditto
62	Betsy Ditto to Ditto	Ditto
63	Sarah Ditto to Ditto	Ditto
64	Nancy Ditto to Ditto	Ditto
65	Polly Ditto to Ditto	Ditto
66	Thomas Son to Ditto	Ditto
67	Jesie ^{Jim} Ditto to Ditto	Ditto
68	Sam Ditto to Ditto	Ditto
69	Jack Ditto to Ditto	Ditto
70	Joseph Ditto to Ditto	Ditto

VIRGINIA APPALACHIA POSTAL HISTORY- POST OFFICES AND POSTMASTER APPOINTMENTS: THE STAMPLESS PERIOD

by H. A. Hudson

We are indeed fortunate that many old letters from Virginia did survive the fires, floods and conflicts of the past. Without these documents genealogists and historians would find many a dead end street in their work. There is a group of individuals who specialize in this type of material. You might call them postal historians. Some of us also use this field of interest combined with genealogy to enhance both areas of study. I enjoy researching the old letters from the stampless period (before 1850) from a postal history perspective and sharing this information with genealogists. Applying this field of study to genealogy can provide a real bonus to the researcher.

Virginia is very rich in postal history and a complete discussion of the topic is way beyond the scope of this article. For our purposes here, we will be discussing the period after the Revolutionary War until the first stamps were issued in 1847. As the population of the various counties increased, so did the number of towns and with it the establishment of official post offices. Prior to the establishment of official post offices, mail was handled on an informal basis by residents and travelers going from point to point. Mail handled in this fashion is termed "carried outside the mail," as it had no official Post Office Department sanction. Mail and letters in this style are often marked "By the Favor of," or "By the Politeness of," indicating who actually carried it to its destination. In slave states, letters may be marked "By the boy (name)," indicating that the letter was carried by a slave or possibly a servant of the writer.

There are hundreds of towns within the Virginia Appalachian region that had official post offices during this period. Each of these towns had postmasters appointed by the Postmaster General in Washington. The position of postmaster was quite important as he was often one of the few individuals who could read and write. At times, he may have been the only U. S. Government official in the area. He served as a witness to legal matters, friend and counselor to many and conveyor of news to all. Often the post offices were located in stores, stands, at cross-roads, ferries, forges and other prominent landmarks. Being a postmaster was not a full-time occupation in the early settlements as the postmaster still had to keep his store, farm and tend to other frontier business.

There were no household deliveries of the mail. You had to go to the post office yourself and pick it up. Letters arriving in the mail was news in itself and this news was spread far and wide so the mail could be picked up. If a letter remained at the post office for a long period, the postmaster could run an ad in the local paper. This resulted in an extra fee that was applied to the letter. Sometimes these letters carry the markings "Advertised" or "Adv." Everyone who has read old newspapers has seen the listing of people who had letters waiting for them at the local post office.

A study of the appointment of the various postmasters can assist the genealogist or historian in placing particular individuals at their post office location within their tenure. The following pre-

1832 postmaster appointments were made for the towns of Salem, Fincastle, Flukes, Christiansburg and Lynchburg by the Postmaster General:

Salem, Virginia (Botetourt County)

Name of Postmaster	Date of Appointment
Lewis Cooper	October 1808
Griffin G. Garren	July 1809
William Blair	June 1810
Parker Campbell	December 1816
Charles L. Mitchell	October 1817
Thomas Mitchell	March 1821
William C. Bowyer	January 1822

Fincastle, Virginia (Botetourt County)

Name of Postmaster	Date of Appointment
Samuel Kenenly	August 1792
John Gofford	October 1794
James McCarroll	July 1795
Alexander Wilson	April 1804
Joseph Weir	October 1805
Timothy M. Patterson	November 1807
George Bachus	April 1818
Matthew W. Pettigrew	March 1829
Charles Aunspaugh	April 1831

Flukes, Virginia (Botetourt County)

Name of Postmaster	Date of Appointment
Peter Fluke	May 1828

Christiansburg, Virginia (Montgomery County)

Name of Postmaster	Date of Appointment
James Craig	August 1792
John King	July 1797
Francis Gardner	May 1797

William Neely	March 1800
Fleming Trigg	January 1801
Robert Gardner	May 1801
John Gardner	April 1806
Henry Edmundson	July 1807
Samuel Sheilds	July 1809
John B. Goodrich	August 1811
Jessee Pepper	October 1817
Alexander Morrison	October 1822
John Gardner	May 1824
William Montgomery	November 1828

Lynchburg, Virginia (Campbell County)

Name of Postmaster	Date of Appointment
John F. Powell	January 1795
William Nowell	October 1798
Josiah Leake	July 1805
Seth Ward	November 1806
Gilbert F. Smith	December 1816
John D. Murrell	February 1818

These postmaster appointments are genealogically significant as one family member often succeeds another in the appointment. Sometimes the town is named for the first postmaster. Researchers can use this information to great advantage in their work. For information about postmaster appointments prior to 1832, you should consult National Archives and Records Administration microfilm publication *M1131, Record of Appointments of Postmasters, Oct. 1789-1832*. There are four rolls of microfilm, arranged alphabetically by name of post office. For postmaster appointments after 1832, consult *M841, Record of Appointment of Postmasters, 1832-Sept. 30, 1971*. There are 145 rolls of microfilm in this set of records, arranged by state, then by county, and then by the name of the post office. If you are interested in the specific physical location of a particular post office, consult *M1126, Post Office Department Records of Site Locations, 1837-1950*. There are 683 rolls of microfilm in this record set. These records are available at the NARA in Washington, DC and at selected branch offices. You might also want to check with LDS Family History centers for microfilm loan. You will have to cross-reference the NARA film numbers/title to obtain the LDS item number.

What did the mail look like during this period? How was it sent and delivered? Could you recognize an item of early postal history? As an introduction to a study of early postal history, the first United States postage stamp was issued in 1847. For some times afterwards, these initial stamps were not available to all post offices. They were most certainly not made available to small post offices in Appalachia. Postage stamps were required on all mail on and after January 1, 1856. Before stamps were made mandatory, the mail was sent stampless, that is, without stamps.

These items of early postal history are called stampless covers or stampless letters and they are highly collectible, not only for their postal markings, but also for their historical content.

A typical stampless letter was simply a folded letter sheet that had been sealed with wax after it was written, then addressed and taken to the post office for mailing. Envelopes were not in common use until the mid 1850s. Once it was in the hands of the postmaster, it was postmarked using a hand stamp not much unlike what is still in use today. In most cases, the hand stamp was provided by the Post Office Department. Various colors of ink were used, with black, blue, red and green being the most common. If the revenue from the post office did not meet certain levels, the Post Office Department would not provide the postmaster with a hand stamp. The postmaster had to resort to posting the letter in manuscript. These are called manuscript postmarks or manuscript cancels. The postmaster then had to apply a rate schedule or fee schedule to the letter. Various fee schedules were used depending on the rates in effect at the time. This was usually based on the weight of the letter or on the distance the letter was to travel. The rates were either stamped on the letter or written in manuscript. Most of the rates were due rates, that is, the recipient had to pay the fees at the destination of the letter. Wouldn't that be a novel thought today? It might even eliminate junk mail. Yes, there was junk mail back during the stampless period, called circulars, and they could be sent for less than a letter. The sender could pre-pay the fees, and if they were pre-paid, the postmaster would note this on the face of the letter using a hand stamp "Paid," or by writing "Paid" on the letter next to the rate.

Certain individuals, because of their office or position, had free franking privileges. Senators, certain federal appointees, including postmasters, U. S. Congressmen and others made the list. Such mail was sent without fees and it was marked with a hand stamp or in manuscript with "Free." It was also common practice for the individual to place his signature and often, his title on the face of the letter. These free franked letters and covers are extremely collectible and are readily sought by collectors at dealerships and at auctions.

In the early stampless period, hand stamps were used in Salem from 1839-51 with only circular stamps being reported. Black and blue inks were used with these stamps. Manuscript postmarks have been found from Salem for the period of 1819-44. There is about a five year overlap where both manuscript cancels and circular date stamps were used. To distinguish the town of Salem in Botetourt County from another Salem, the postmaster sometimes wrote "Salem Bot" as the postmark. Figure No. 1 is a stampless folded letter from Salem, Virginia using a black circular date stamp postmarked July 24, 1847. The rate of 5 cents is written in manuscript on the letter. This is a due rate, payable at the Christiansburg post office upon delivery. The writer wrote "Mail" in manuscript on the letter.

The post office at Fincastle used circular date stamps from 1833-53 with red, blue, black and green inks. No other shapes have been reported. Hand stamps for Paid, Free, 3, 5, 6 and 10 were also used. Manuscript postmarks for Fincastle have been reported for the years 1816-44. There is about an eleven year overlap where manuscript cancels and circular date stamps were used. Figure No. 2 is a stampless folded letter from Fincastle, Virginia bearing a manuscript cancel dated February 20, 1846. This postmark makes the cover somewhat more collectible in that it is two years later than reported. The rate of five cents is noted in manuscript on the letter and it was

prepaid at the Fincastle post office as the postmaster wrote "Paid" by the rate. The letter was sent to the postmaster at Christiansburg.

The Flukes post office is a mystery to most postal historians. Not very much is known about it. No hand held stamping devices have been reported used at this post office and most all references on postal history do not list any manuscript covers being reported. So let's make a little history here and talk about one. Figure No. 3 is a stampless folded letter from Flukes, Virginia bearing a manuscript postmark dated May 12, 1836. The due rate for the letter is 12 ½ cents and this is noted in manuscript on the face of the cover. The letter was sent to Amherst, Virginia.

The post office at Christiansburg used circular date stamps from 1826-52, with red, blue and black inks. No other shapes have been found for the town. Hand stamps for Paid, 3 and 5 have been found. Manuscript postmarks have been reported as early as 1827. There is about a 2 year period when both circular date stamps and manuscript cancels were used. Figure No. 4 is a stampless folded letter from Christiansburg, Virginia using a blue circular date stamp dated July 27, 1840. The rate for the letter was 12 ½ cents and this is written in manuscript on the letter. The rate was pre-paid at the Christiansburg post office and the postmaster stamped a blue "Paid" on the letter. The letter was sent to Lynchburg.

The Lynchburg post office used circular date stamps from 1809-56 using black, red, blue and green inks. They also had hand stamps for Paid, Free, 5, 10, Paid 3 in a circle, Way and 6. No manuscript postmarks have been reported. Many variations of the Lynchburg postmark can be found on old letters. Figure No. 5 is a stampless folded letter from Lynchburg, Virginia using a black circular date stamp dated August 7, 1852. The rate for the letter is 5 cents and this is noted with a black 5 stamped on the letter. This is a due rate, payable at the letter's destination, Richmond, Virginia.

Historians can have a field day examining old letters from this period, not only looking at the postal markings, but also at the content of the letter. Many of the same things we consider important today were important back then- land, agriculture, weather, politics. Often we get to hear how events took place directly from the people involved in them. Genealogists sometimes overlook the importance of this type of material in their research. From such a study, both a sender and a receiver can be placed in exact locations at exact times, thus being better than the census at locating specific individuals. Family mail provides a wealth of information not only about the family members but also about family migration patterns. As a tool for postal historians, the census can be used to locate a letter writer when post office markings cannot be read (which is quite often). I have frequently used the census index, either in book form or CD format to pinpoint an individual, and from there locate the town in which he lived. This does not work in all cases as the census is taken only every ten years and people moved around. This method works best for letters written in or near the decennial year and for letters written by the head of household as they are the only individuals listed on the census by name until 1850.

You should always take great care in reading, handling and displaying old letters. Paper will not last forever and it is very important to preserve these items for future generations to enjoy. These items are easily damaged by dampness, light and even the oils and moisture from human

hands. You should avoid "black paper" photo albums and material sold for photograph storage that has the odor of plastic as these materials contain chemicals that can destroy the paper. Special precautions should be taken in the storage and display of this material. Only archival quality products should be used. For tips on what to use and how to care for this material, consult a professional or seek assistance from an archivist at your local library or historical society.

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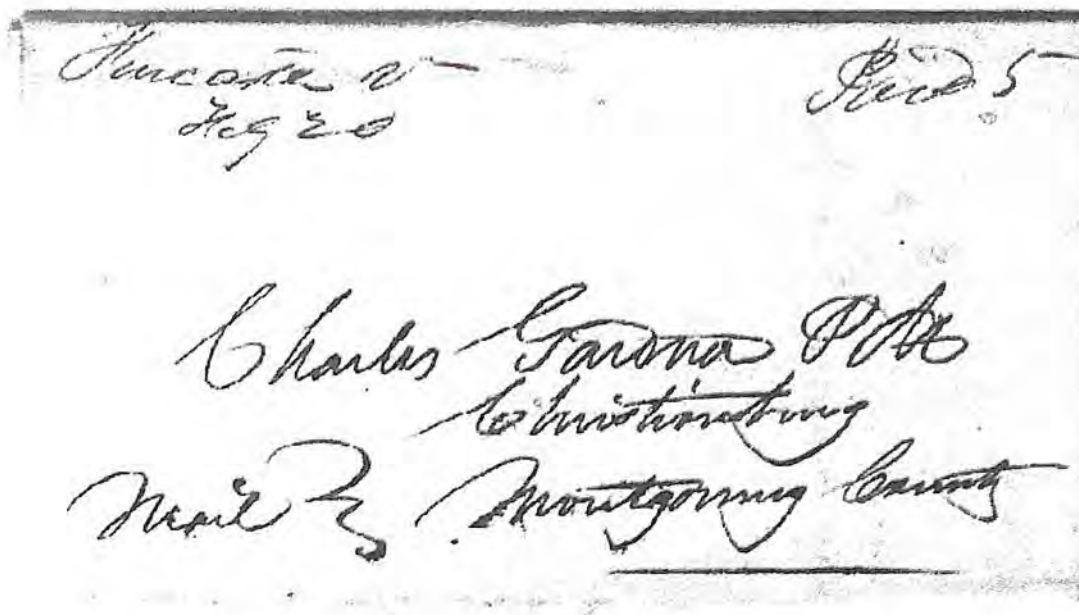
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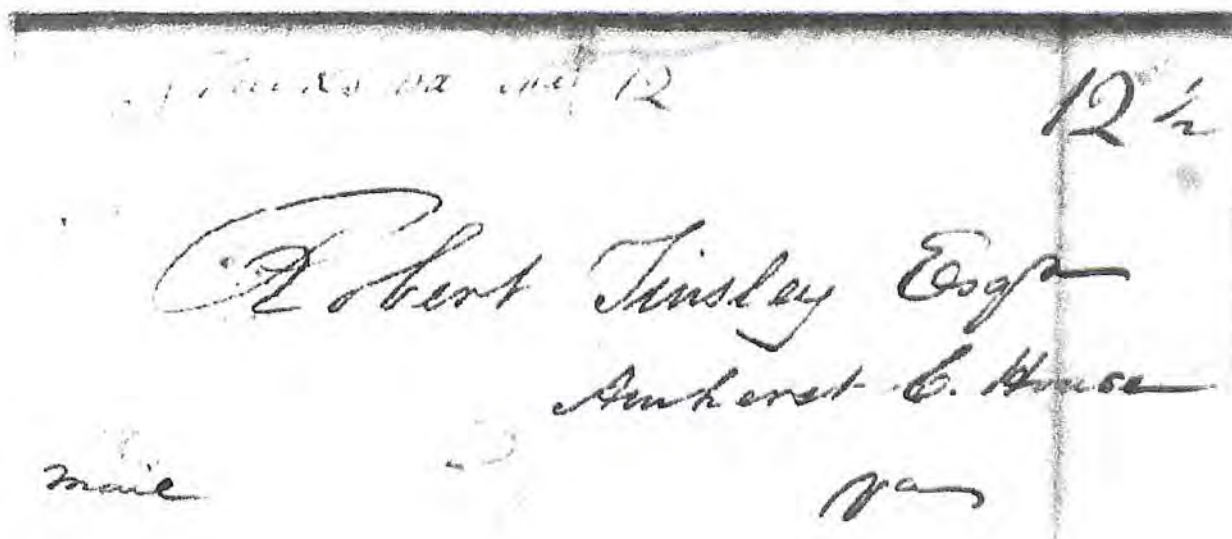
Mr. John B. J. Logan
 Christiansburg
 Montgomery City Va.

Mail }

Figure No. 1 Stampless Letter Salem Va Black Circular Date Stamp
 July 24, 1847 Script 5 cents Script Mail



**Figure No. 2 Stampless Letter Fincastle V Manuscript Postmark
February 20, 1846 Script Paid 5 cents Script Mail**



**Figure No. 3 Stampless Letter Flukes VA Manuscript Postmark
May 12, 1836 Script 12 ½ cents Script Mail**

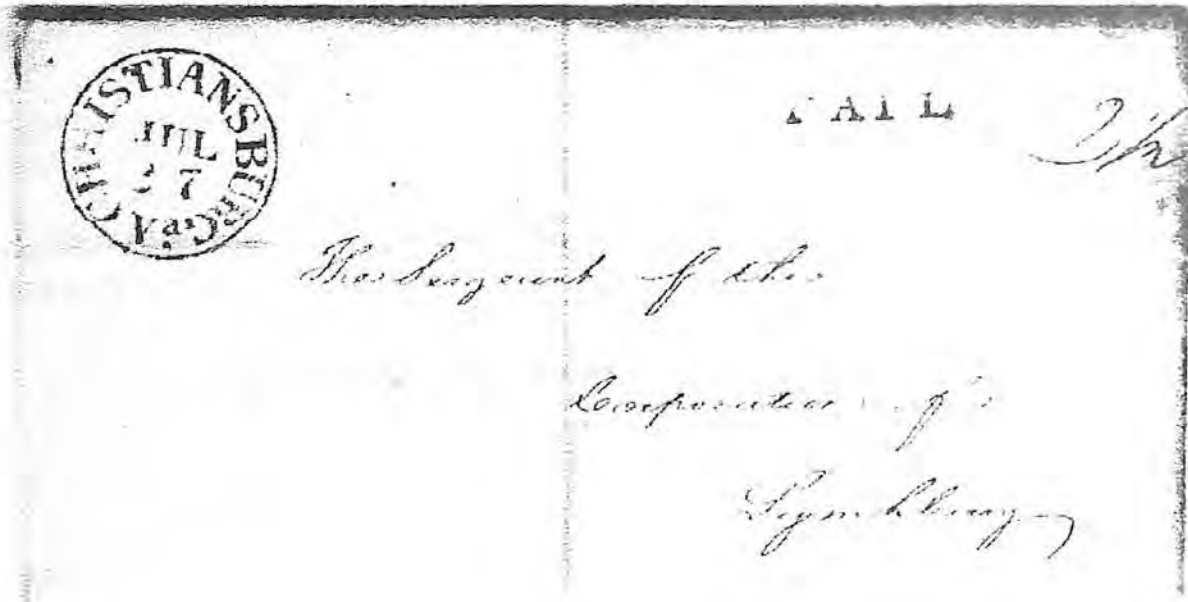


Figure No. 4 Stampless Letter Christiansburg Va. Blue Circular Date Stamp
July 27, 1840 Script 12 ½ cents Blue Paid

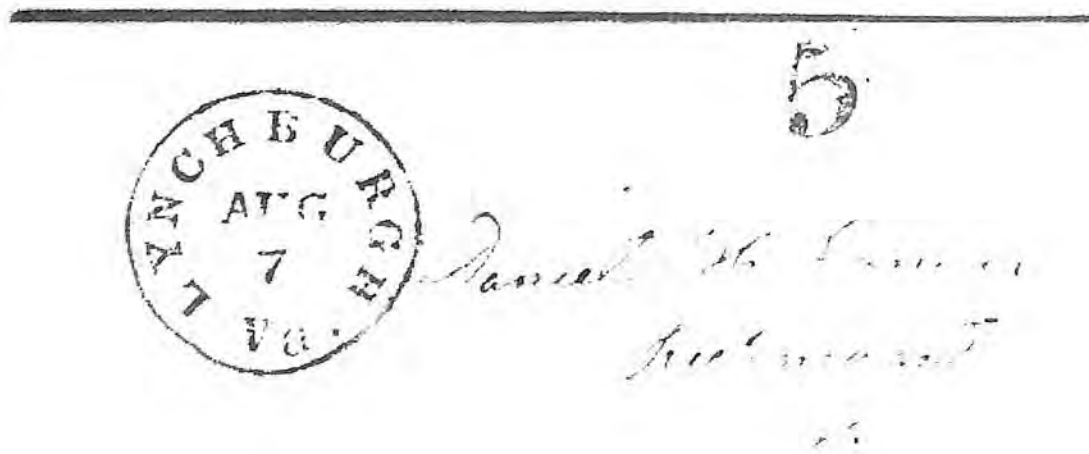


Figure No. 5 Stampless Letter Lynchburgh Va. Black Circular Date Stamp
August 7, 1852 Black 5 cents

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 Roanoke, VA 24015
 343-6465
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I would be interested in starting a group, here in the Roanoke Valley, that might meet once every 6 weeks or so to talk, study, Melungeons. I also have one of the Mediterrean diseases common to Melungeon descendants and would like to arrange a support group in the Valley for those of us suffering from any one of the 5 major illnesses common to Melungeon descendants.

Please get in touch with me if you are interested. My address is listed above. Following is a list of common Melungeon surnames:

Common Melungeon Surname List

North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, West Virginia

ADAMS ADKINS ALLEN ALLMOND ASHWORTH * BARKER BARNES BASS
 BECKLER BELCHER

BEDGOOD BELL BENNETT BERRY BEVERLY BIGGS BOLEN BOLLING
 BOLTON BOONE BOWLIN

BOWLING BOWMAN BRADBY BRANHAM BRAVBOY BRIGER/BRIDGER
 BROGAN BROOKS BROWN

BUNCH BULLION BURTON BUTLER BUTTERS BUXTON BYRD * CAMPBELL
 CARRICO CARTER CASTEEL

CAUDILL CHAPMAN CHAVIS CLARK CLOUD COAL COFFEY COLE
 COLEMAN COLES COLLEY

COLLIER COLLINS COLLINSWORTH COLYER COOPER CORMAN COUNTS
 COX COXE CRIEL

CROSTON CROW CUMBA CUMBO CUMBOW CURRY CUSTALOW * DALTON
 DARE DAVIS

DENHAM DENNIS DIAL DOOLEY DORTON DOYLE DRIGGERS DULA DYE
 DYESS * ELY EPPS EVANS

* FIELDS FREEMAN FRENCH * GALLAGHER GANN GARLAND GIBSON

GIPSON GOINS GOINGS

GORVENS GOWAN GOWEN GRAHAM GREEN(E) GWINN * HALL HAMMON(D)
HARMON HARRIS

HARVIE HARVEY HAWKES HENDRICKS HENDRIX HILL HILLMAN HOGGE
HOLMES HOPKINS HOWE

HYATT * JACKSON JAMES JOHNSON JONES * KEITH(E) KENNEDY KISER *
LANGSTON LASIE

LAWSON LOCKLEAR LOPES LOWRY LUCAS * MADDOX MAGGARD MAJOR
MALE MALONE(Y)

MARSH MARTIN MAYLE MINARD MINER MINOR MIZER MOORE MORLEY
MOSELY

MOZINGO MULLINS * NASH NELSON NEWMAN NICCANS NICHOLS NOEL
NORRIS * ORR OSBORN

OSBORNE OXENDINE * PAGE PAINE PATTERSON PERKINS PERRY PHELPS
PHIPPS PRINDER POLLY

POWELL POWERS PRITCHARD PRUITT * RAMEY RASNICK REAVES REVELS
REEVES RICE

RICHARDSON RIDDLE RIVERS ROBERSON ROBERTSON ROBINSON RUSSELL
* SAMMONS

SAMPSON SAWYER SCOTT SEXTON SHAVIS SHEPHARD SHEPHERD SHORT
SHORTT SIZEMORE

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STROTHER SWEATT SWETT

SWINDALL * TALLY TACKETT TAYLOR THOMPSON TIPTON TOLLIVER
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"GERMANS IN THE VALLEY:
 UNLOCKING THE SECRETS OF GERMAN BAPTISMAL RECORDS"©

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German church records (a.k.a. *Kirchenbücher*) are veritable treasure troves of information. This is especially true of those records associated with the German churches which practiced infant baptism in this country in the 18th and 19th centuries, e.g., the Lutheran and German Reformed churches. While the registers vary greatly in completeness and difficulty of script, they will be the focus of this presentation.

The church registers kept by the Lutheran and the Reformed settlers in the Valley of Virginia provide priceless information on births, baptisms and communions, shed some light on deaths within the community, and occasionally indicate precise dates of marriage. The really good news is that in the process of doing all of the above they also illuminate extended family relationships, indicate language shifts and naming patterns, and help document migration patterns - on both sides of the Atlantic.

Kirchenbücher are a particularly valuable resource for those that know how to unlock and decipher their secrets - including the indisputable fact that many apparently "English" families in Virginia have some very German roots.

It is likely that many of the following questions will be addressed during the course of the presentation:

- Why study extended families?
- Why are German churches concentrated in the Valley?
- Why are baptismal sponsors important? Who were they?
- Why and when did the surnames change?
- What's distinctive about the naming pattern(s) used by the Germans?
- What's a Union Church?

Who has the records?
 Why are they so hard to read?
 What are some of the conventions you need to keep in mind when
 reading German records? What if the name ends with an "in"?
 What about the calendar change? What do n/s and o/s mean?
 What does the word "paleography" mean?

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Eighteenth-Century Pennsylvania German Naming Customs

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The Palatine Migration of the Early 1700's

<http://www.zekes.com/~dspidell/palatine.html>

Palatines to America

<http://genealogy.org/~palam/>

HELPFUL HINT #1: If you are typing a German name or word and need to indicate an umlaut ("), try the following keystrokes:

WordPerfect 5.1: enter Ctrl-v followed by o" (the o key and then the quotation mark) which produces ö - or enter Ctrl-v followed by A" to produce Ä

Microsoft Word 6.0 and later: type the word or name in need of an umlaut as follows: Meyerhffer. Place the cursor where the letter with the umlaut is needed. From the insert menu, choose "symbol." In the font box, choose "normal text." Double click the desired character, i.e., ä, ë, ï, ö, or ü, and it's yours. Meyerhffer now becomes Meyerhöffer.

Both work like a charm!

HELPFUL HINT #2: Unfortunately, most genealogy software does not allow you to enter umlauts so easily. Accordingly, you will likely be forced to follow the following, fairly well established, convention when entering information into your database: MÜLLER will be entered in the database as MUELLER; Württemberg will be rendered as Wuerttemberg.

HELPFUL HINT #3: You need to keep in mind the fact that in Germany dates are usually written as day/month/year. If you read on a tombstone or in a church book that a person died 5.6.1850 you can confidently assume that it means the person died on 5 June 1850 not on May 6, 1850. Be warned that there are many errors in print as a result of transcribers not being aware of this fact.

HELPFUL HINT #4: Keep in mind the fact that in Europe in the 17th and 18th centuries intermarriage between Reformed and Lutheran people was often as full of difficulties as intermarriage with a Roman Catholic. To help minimize the problem(s) associated with marriage between members of the Lutheran and the Reformed churches, attempts to unify the two German Protestant churches was begun in Prussia in 1817 by order of Frederick Wilhelm III.

While intermarriage between the two Protestant groups was far less of a problem in the new world where common language and customs tended to count for so much more, the following general "rule" can, nevertheless, be perceived on both sides of the Atlantic in the 18th century in cases of intermarriage between members of the Lutheran and the Reformed churches: boys generally followed the religion of their father and girls tended to follow the religion of their mother. I need to emphasize that it is not a hard and fast rule. Rather, it is merely something to keep in mind.

HELPFUL HINT #5: Five stellar repositories for German-American church records are the following:

Lutheran Archives Center at Philadelphia
7301 Germantown Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19119

Abdel Ross Wentz Library
Lutheran Theological Seminary
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325

Lutheran Southern Seminary
4201 North Main Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29203

Eden Archives (for Evangelical and Reformed)
475 East Lockwood Avenue
Webster Grove, Missouri 63119

Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society
Franklin and Marshall College
555 West James Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17603

Helpful Hint #6: Get familiar with all three volumes of Ralph Beaver Strassburger's Pennsylvania German Pioneers, including the volume devoted to facsimile signatures. They make it possible for the researcher to verify the validity of the translation of the surname and to determine whether or not the correct individual has been located in courthouse and other records. The volumes were originally published by the Pennsylvania German Society in 1934 and have been reprinted subsequently.

MILLS CEMETERY

Off Bradshaw Road, next to Pine Grove Church, Montgomery County, Virginia, Rt. 622.
Recorded June 5, 1994 by Ruth G. Hale.

	Wheeler, Grover C.	June 4, 1881 - June 25, 1958
	Wheeler, J. Ethel	Feb. 8, 1898 - Mar. 6, 1994
	Wheeler, L(ois) Anne	Oct. 8, 1944 - Oct. 9, 1991
	Wheeler, Inf. s/o Walter & Juanita	b. & d. Jan. 5, 1959
	Wheeler, Vicki Lynne, d/o Walter & Juanita	b. & d. Nov. 19, 1957
	Mills, Child	
	Wrenn, Child — stone - no inscription	
Husband †	Mills, Archie Bane S. Sgt. U.S. Army W.W.II	Apr. 5, 1918 - Apr. 15, 1978
Wife	Mills, Florene D. (Garlick)	1921 - (md. Dec. 28, 1938)
	Mills, Irvin R.	June 2, 1909 - Nov. 30, 1969
	Mills, M. Ruby	June 20, 1912 -
	McMillan, Eula Effie Houston (Mills)	Nov. 22, 1907 - Apr. 1, 1984
	Akers, Lois Evelyn (w/o A. A.)	Nov. 28, 1913 - Feb. 16, 1988
†	Akers, Arthur Andrew Tec. 5 U.S. Army W.W.II	Feb. 20, 1920 - Nov. 9, 1981
	Mills, John H.	Feb. 19, 1911 - May 13, 1951
Father	Mills, Thomas W.	Mar. 28, 1872 - Dec. 31, 1947
Mother	Mills, C. Nettie	Apr. 24, 1881 - July 21, 1954
Daddy †	Mills, Thomas W., Jr. Va. M. Sgt. 684 Sig. Co. Va. N.G. W.W.II BSM	Apr. 8, 1922 - Feb. 15, 1960
	Mills, James Clinton, Sr.	May 5, 1912 - July 17, 1992
	Mills, Violet Garlick	May 22, 1916 -
Add. Burial	Mills, Blanche Hendricks	Died Nov. 1, 1995, Age 70 yrs.

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6 shoats to Mrs. Milbourn (cash)		\$1.00
2 calves to same		1.00
2 calves to same for	\$9.00	
1 calve to same for	4.00	
1 Old Cider Mill same for	3.00	
4 Bee Stands same for	4.00	
1 Salt Pan same for	6.00	
1 Old double Plow Stock to Mrs. Milbourn for	.50	
1 Old Fan Mill to same for	4.50	
1 Grain Shovel to same for	.25	
1 Corn Sheller to same for	1.00	
1 Fruit Drier to same for	2.00	
10 Pigs to same for	5.00	
1 Long Shovel to same for	.25	39.50
1 Sythe & S_____ to C. Willoughby (paid)		.80
1 Mattac to W. P. Dryden (paid)		.25
1 Frg to Jack Fitts (paid)		.25
1 Hill Side Plow same (paid)		.15
1 Lot of poles to C. C. Ball [Bell?] (paid)		1.50
1 Log Chain to R.H. Russell (paid)		.35
1 Log Chain to Jo. Garrett (paid)		1.35
1 Lot Old Plows to Newton Wygel (paid)		1.00
1 Old Reaper to same (paid)		.80
1 Cultivator & Plow to Jas. R. Ely (paid)		.20
1 white Heifer to B.F. Kincaid (paid)		17.00
1 Droop Horn Heifer to H.C. Joslyn (paid)		20.00
1 Cow to Thomas Mise (paid)		22.00
1 pair Balance to H.C. Joslyn		1.00
1 Double Shovel plow to H.C. Joslyn		.75
3/4 of Threshing Machine to same		16.88
1 Reaper to same		25.00
1 Cow to same		14.75
1 Cross Cut saw to J.N. Cridlin	.75	
1 lot Bacon 128 lbs. To same	11.20	
1 Hog or shoak to same	4.50	16.45
1 Mattoc to N.S Cox	.30	
1 lot Bacon 100 lbs. To same	8.25	
1 Hill Side Plow to same	.10	
Single ___ & Old Irons to same	.55	9.25
1 Mattoc to Jas. _____	.30	
1 Lot Bacon 104 lbs. To same	10.92	11.22
1 Mattoc to M.C. Parsons	.45	
1 large Bull to same	29.05	
10 Steers at \$16.85 each to same	168.00	198.00
1 Lot Bacon 93 lbs. To S.H. Minter		10.00

1 Lot Bacon 101 lbs. To Wm Sullivan	9.09	
1 Lot Bacon 124 lbs. To same	9.68	18.77
1 lot Bacon 108 lbs. To M.S. Hugues	9.72	
1 Grind Stone to same	.55	
1 Cow to same	16.75	26.92
1 lot Bacon 107 lbs. to Chas Cheek [?]	9.37	
1 lot Bacon 121 lbs. to same	10.08	
1 lot Gears to same	.40	
18 Head Sheep to same	9.90	29.75
1 lot Bacon 109 lbs. to Jas W. Poteet		8.72
1 lot Bacon 95 lbs. to J.R.Ely	7.60	
1 Horse Dungan to same	24.50	32.10
1 Lot Bacon 107 lb to A.A. Smith		8.83
1 Lot Bacon 87 lbs. to W.L. Sprinkle		8.05
1 Lot Bacon 118 lbs. to R.E. Brooks		10.33
1 Lot Bacon 103 lbs. to E.C. Fleenor		8.76
1 Lot Bacon 107 lbs. to Peet Davidson		8.82
1 Lot Poles to Wm Goins		1.17
1 Cane Mill to Goines & Martin		15.30
1 Can Lard to M.B. Martin		5.13
Stretchers to J.W.M. Ely	.55	
1 two Horse wagon to same	14.00	
1 Horse Spraker to same	44.00	58.55
1 Harrow to M.B. Fleenor	1.00	
1 Wagon to same	5.00	
1 Cart to same	3.20	9.25
1 Hill Side Plow to M. Moneyham	.25	
1 Roam Colt to same	63.75	64.40
1 Double Shovel Plow to J.A. G. Hyatt	1.00	
1 No. 40 Oliver Plow to same	5.10	6.15
1 No. 40 Oliver Plow to John R. Gibson		6.25
1 Small Wagon to Richd Warner		5.00
1 Seed Sower to M.D. Richmond	11.00	
2 Heifer Calves to same	10.00	
1 Black Shoat to same	4.50	
2 Shoats to same	5.00	
12 Heifers to same	176.52	207.02
25 Bushels of Corn to C.B. Fleenor		10.00
1 Horse Frigger to W.A. Miller		56.50
1 Cow & Bull Calf to J.B. Quinley		22.50
1 Cow & Calf to L.M. Carichamihare[?]		19.75
10 Head Sheep & 1 set chairs to G.S. Lawson		13.25
10 Head Sheep & 2 set chairs to W.F. Roop		7.00
1 Sow & 3 Pigs to C.F. Duncan		7.33
1 Mowing Machine to C. C. Blankenship		30.00
1 Set Smith Tools to K.B. Graham		30.00

Henry J. Morgan adm. of
Andrew Milbourn, dec'd
June 1, 1886

Virginia Lee County Court Clerk's office June 2, 1886. The foregoing Sale Bill of the personal property of Andrew Milburn dec'd was this day filed in the office and admitted to record.

Teste. John R. Gibson, Clerk

GEARHEART CEMETERY

Located in the Alleghany Magisterial District,
Montgomery County, Virginia - Ironto Community

Directions: From Interstate 81 get off at the Ironto Exit and turn right (if going South) onto Route 603 North Fork Road and go 2 miles, turn right onto Flatwoods Road Route 713 and go 1 mile and turn left onto Route 622 Reesedale Road and go 1.6 miles, turn left onto Trooper Lane (gravel road) and go short distant (2/10 mile) to cemetery on right.

Descendants and spouses of Isaac Johnson and Emmazetta King Gearheart buried in this cemetery:

Gearheart, Edward Lee (s/o Isaac Johnson)	12 May 1893 - 29 Mar 1918
*Gearheart, William McKinley s/o Isaac Johnson	18 Oct 1896 - 13 July 1934
Gearheart, Florence Smith w/o Coy Harvey	19 June 1910 - 8 Jan 1936
Gearheart, Infant dau. of Coy H. and Florence Smith Gearheart	Born and Died in 1936
*Spangler, Infant dau. of Rushie Gearheart and Irvin Spangler	Born and died in 1937
Gearheart, William Hayden brother of Isaac Johnson Gearheart	1 Aug 1874 - 13 Aug 1939
*Gearheart, Infant dau. of Mae the dau. of Glovern Gearheart the brother of Isaac Johnson Gearheart	Born and died in 1939
Gearheart, Isaac Johnson (J. G.)	12 Feb 1871 - 11 Jan 1943
Gearheart, Emmazetta King w/o Isaac Johnson	29 Feb 1868 - 25 Feb 1951
Furrow, Frank Eugene h/o Virginia Spangler	12 Sept 1913 - 23 Nov 1943
Furrow, Lonnis George h/o Dollie Gearheart	31 May 1905 - 8 Nov 1958
Gearheart, Thomas Harold s/o Wm. McKinley	21 May 1929 - 24 Aug 1968
Powell, Ras Steven (2nd husband of Minnie Rushie Gearheart Spangler)	24 May 1913 - 22 May 1970
Mann, John Jacob (2nd husband of Dollie Gearheart Furrow)	died in 1971
Garlick, Frank Spurgeon h/o Vivian Spangler	18 Oct 1914 - 1974
Martin, Dora Gearheart Cupp d/o Isaac Johnson	15 May 1904 - 8 Nov 1975
East, Stella Mae Gearheart d/o Isaac Johnson	26 Nov 1902 - 12 Mar 1976
Gearheart, Coy Harvey s/o Isaac Johnson	15 Apr 1906 - 9 June 1976
Powell, Minnie Rushie Gearheart Spangler d/o Isaac Johnson Gearheart	13 Apr 1898 - 22 Mar 1977
Furrow, Frank Eugene (Infant s/o Alvin Wade and Loretta Furrow)	born and died 30 Dec 1956
Cupp, Ira William s/o Dora Gearheart Cupp Martin	4 Sept 1930 - 2 Mar 1980
East, Blondyne Cook w/o Harrison Jackson East	8 Mar 1923 - 16 Mar 1981

Furrow, Dollie Marie Gearheart Furrow Mann (dau. of Isaac Johnson Gearheart	15 Feb 1908 - 20 May 1982
Obenchain, Virginia Frances Spangler Furrow (dau. of Minnie Rushie Gearheart and Irvin Spangler)	28 Feb 1922 - 22 May 1983
East, Oather Lee h/o Stella Gearheart	25 Apr 1896 - 28 Aug 1989
Furrow, Alvin Wade s/o Virginia Spangler Furrow Obenchain	20 Oct 1940 - 24 Nov 1989
Spangler, Edward Lee s/o Minnie Rushie Gearheart and Irvin Spangler	15 Aug 1919 - 29 Aug 1990
*Garlick, Vivian Virginia Spangler d/o Minnie Rushie Gearheart and Irvin Spangler	5 Jun 1917 - 11 Feb 1992

Those buried in the "Gearheart Cemetery" other than descendants and their spouses of Isaac Johnson and Emmazetta King Gearheart

Following 3 Furrow's were granted permission of burial by Isaac Johnson Gearheart in exchange for fencing cemetery:

Furrow, Charles Lee (s/o James & Eliza Bowles Furrow)	1871 - 1930
Furrow, Eliza Jane Bowles	Sept 1848 - 25 Apr 1930
Furrow, Mary Vaden	1879 - 1943
*Furrow, Infant dau. of Carl Smith Furrow and wife Clarsie Sarver	- 19__

These 3 Reese's granted permission by Isaac Johnson Gearheart - reason unknown:

Reese, Ruby M. (husband & children of Lillie Reese East)	22 Mar 1920 - 14 Mar 1922
Reese, Archie J.	6 Dec 1921 - 13 Mar 1922
Reese, Roland R.	9 Mar 1889 - 29 Dec 1929

Buried in the "Gearheart Cemetery" without permission of the Gearheart Family as a whole:

East, Lottie (w/o Russell) - buried in 1986 and was removed in Sept 1987 and reburied in Reesedale Cemetery

*Denotes no gravemarker

11 November 1998

Researched and compiled by:

Sylvia Gearheart Albert
4383 Deerfield Road
Troutville, Virginia 24175

BIGELOW-SCOLLAY-PARKMAN FAMILY BIBLE

The Bible was printed in 1823 and was recently purchased in the Roanoke area. If a descendent is interested in the Bible, they should contact Nelson Harris, 2813 Edgewood Street, Roanoke, VA 24015, or call 540-344-9547.

Jacob BIGELOW - born February 27, 1787
 Mary SCOLLAY - born January 14, 1793
 (married by the Rev. William E. Channing on April 15, 1817)

children:

Henry Jacob BIGELOW - born March 11, 1818
 William Scollay BIGELOW - born December 17, 1819
 Mary Anna BIGELOW - born March 10, 1821
 Catherine Scollay BIGELOW - born September 23, 1824
 James Jackson BIGELOW - born February 20, 1827

Henry Jacob BIGELOW married Susan STURGIS on May 8, 1847
 son, William Sturgis BIGELOW born April 4, 1850

Catherine S. BIGELOW married Francis PARKMAN on May 13, 1850
 dau, Grace PARKMAN born August 29, 1851
 son, Francis PARKMAN born March 12, 1855
 dau, Catherine Scollay PARKMAN born August 22, 1858

Grace PARKMAN married Charles Pratt COFFIN on May 3, 1879
 son, Francis Parkman COFFIN born May 5, 1880
 dau, Miriam (?) COFFIN born July 3, 1883
 dau, May Bigelow COFFIN born July 8, 1887

Catherine Scollay PARKMAN married John Templeman COOLIDGE on
 September 16, 1879

dau, Mary COOLIDGE born May 1881
 dau, Katherine COOLDIGE born July 5, 1883
 dau, Louise COOLDIGE born August 19, 1886

Deaths:

William Scollay Bigelow - June 14, 1820
 James Jackson Bigelow - December 26, 1835
 Francis Parkman (son of Francis and Catherine) - January 23, 1857, scarlet fever
 Mary Scollay Bigelow - July 27, 1882 (born January 14, 1793), buried at Mt.
 Auburn
 Mrs. Catherine Scollay - December 30, 1848, buried Mt. Auburn
 Susan Sturgis (wife of Henry Bigelow) - June 9, 1853, age 20 years
 Catherine Scollay (wife of Francis Parkman) - September 4, 185_, age 34 years
 Jacob Bigelow, M.D. - January 10, 1879, age 91 years, 10 months, buried Mt.
 Auburn

FROM WHERE I SIT

THOUGHTS FROM YOUR EDITOR...

In the listing of Officers, Board Members, and Committee Chairpersons on the inside front cover of this issue please note that there is no chairperson listed under the Book Review committee. If you think you could fill this position, please contact Wendy James and volunteer. Without the help of members like yourself, the work of the Society will not get done. You can see that some of our officers have spread themselves pretty thin and we really cannot ask them to do more. **IT'S YOUR TURN TO TAKE SOME RESPONSIBILITY!**

I now have e-mail. If you would like to contact me directly, I can be reached at <amsylvest@excite.com>. You may send me comments concerning the VAN, ideas for articles you would like to submit, responses to any of the articles appearing in the VAN, or suggestions for improving the VAN. I look forward to hearing from you.

In today's world, with the Internet, books being published and reissued at a tremendous rate, many more books being self-published, we are constantly being bombarded with information. Some of this information is new, some of it is merely old information rehashed; but all of it is questionable. By that I mean that as researchers, we must continuously question all that we read. We must ask the simple question: "How do they (the authors) know that?" The really good ones will tell us without our physically writing or calling to inquire. It will be documented in the articles they write. However, you should not stop there. Check out at least several of their documentations. If an author says information on a birthdate was obtained from a birth register, go look at that register on that date to be sure that all the information given is there. If the author gives more information than what is on the birth register, such as a mother's maiden name, ask how that information was obtained. If you do not go to the sources for all the information you receive, then you are not a researcher. You are only a gatherer.

This brings us to another very important topic. There are many gatherers in this world trying to present themselves as researchers. You have been warned quite often about the group from Bath, Ohio, who gather general information on a particular surname and offer it to the public as research, usually at a hefty price. But keep in mind that this is not the only group doing this. In the February/March 1999 issue of *The Family Tree* published by Odom Library in Georgia, is a caution about the World Family Heritage Society in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, which was submitted to them by the Clan Leslie Society concerning two products entitled: *The New World Book of Leslies* and *The Leslie Family CD Rom Collection*. To quote the Clan Leslie Society from *The Family Tree*: "In the Fine print under 'Satisfaction Guarantee' they say, 'No direct genealogical connection to your family or ancestry is implied or intended,' It is supposed to contain government records (presumably US), records like passenger/immigration lists and census, social security, marriage, birth and death records. Has anyone seen this product and is it worth the \$50 they are asking?" Check it out! Be a researcher! Seek truth!

QUERIES

99-1: Joseph **BLAIR** d 1795 in Russell Co VA. Widow Lucy served as administrator until 1798, when Elisha **DEHART** & wife Susannah replaced her. How were the **DEHARTs** related to the **BLAIRs**? Martha Heinemann, 705 N. Belvedere Blvd., Memphis, TN 38107-5029

99-2: Court records prove nine **ROBERTSON** siblings: Easter, b 1765; Thomas, b VA 1769; Rebecca, b VA 1777; Mary, b VA 1779; Catherine, b TN 1780; Susannah, b TN 1787; Henry, John; & Joseph. Residences include Hawkins Co TN, Scott Co VA, Letcher Co KY, White Co TN. Were they related to James & Esther **ROBINSON** who were in Montgomery Co VA by 1750? Martha Heinemann, see 99-1

99-3: James & Esther **ROBINSON** settled in Montgomery Co VA bef 1750. Sons were John, William, James, Samuel, Thomas, & Joseph. Dau Ann m Jacob **BROWN**, dau Elizabeth m John **DRAPER** Sr, & g-dau Elizabeth **ROBINSON** m Alexander **MONTGOMERY**. Would like to exchange records with anyone interested in these families. Martha Heinemann, see 99-1

99-4: Doing research on book entitled "Lithia, Virginia: a Botetourt County Hamlet." With histories of: Cloverdale Iron furnace #2, The Shenandoah Valley Railroad, The Pulaski Iron Company, and Nace, Virginia. Looking for any historical info on these areas, picture, & genealogies of families that have lived in this are of Botetourt County for some time. Will accept any help or info of any kind on this project. Stephen D. Vassar, 1117 Floyd Ave., Roanoke, VA 24015, Tel: (540)343-4339.

99-5: Researching Jewett (Jewet) H. **GRADY**, b 1 Dec 1829 in Rockingham Co, VA d 3 Apr 1893 in Troutville, VA, bur Brick Union Cem. Was in the Fincastle Rifles, m Mary E. **DOOLEY** 23 Dec 1869 in Botetourt Co VA. She b 10 Jul 1849 in Botetourt Co, d 22 Dec 1922, bur Brick Union Cem. d/o James A. **DOOLEY** & Harriet **HINER**. Need to know Jewett's first wife's name & siblings of Jewett & Mar. Sylvia Newman Malone, 1457 Ashland Dr., Charlottesville, VA 22911-8280 E-mail: sylmalone@aol.com

99-6: In 1976 the Franklin County Historical Society put out a county map of Franklin Co. containing names of early settlers 1776 to 1886. In upper left hand corner between Sling's Gap & Simmon's Gap is "Andrew **LAZENA** - 1774." I can find no info on Andrew. I need some leads. Ruth M. Erhardt, Box 266, Bassano, Alberta, CAN T0J 0B0

99-7: My GGG Grandmother was Christina **LAZENA**. Is she the above Andrew's daughter? She m Joseph **PICKLEHEIMER** in 1792. Ruth M. Erhardt, see 99-6

99-8: Was Joseph **PICKLEHEIMER** (**BECKLESHYMER**) a son of John, Abraham, or someone else?. He was b early 1770's, m in Franklin Co VA 1792. Ruth M. Erhardt, see 99-6

99-9: Seek lineage of following SWVA ances: John **VIER (VIA)**, 1758-1834 Rev Vet fr Patrick-Franklin Co area & w Sarah **WRIGHT**; Peter **LONG** & Mary **VEST** who m in Washington Co, 13 Nov 1806; William **SCOTT** b Bedford Co VA ca 1786 & m Elizabeth **MCCOY**; Micajah **FRAZIER** whose dau Sarah m James Aron **LOWE** in Patrick Co VA 3 Oct 1801. Danny R. Kuhn, Box 323, Cool Ridge WV 25825-0323

99-10: Seek par & bp of Micajah **WYATT** (1752-1826) & w Liny **WING** (1764-1835). They d in Fleming Co KY & were fr VA. Will share. Marilynn Dickerson, 740 N. Wagner, Ann Arbor, MI 48103

99-11: Seek par & bp of John P. **SMITH** & w Sarah **ASKEW**. They m in VA or MD & lived in Ohio ca 1820, then moved to IN. Will share. Marilynn Dickerson, see 99-10

99-12: William **POTTS** b near Harper's Ferry, VA 6 Oct 1786; some records say 1776. He went to KY as a young man & settled in Crab Orchard Station. He m Isabel **CHANCE** b 20 Aug 1790 in NC, c/o Ezekiel **CHANCE**. Who is William's father? Believe it was Stephen or Samuel **POTTS** m but need proof. Or is it Stephen s/o Samuel **POTTS** & Elizabeth **THOMAS**? Have info to share on this **POTTS** line. Suzy Mitchell, 11032 162nd Ave, NE, Remond, WA 98052 E-mail RCLB05A@prodigy.com

99-13: Hannah **VAN METER** b 29 Jun 1794 in Ohio Co VA, m 29 Aug 1822 in Fayette IN as second w of Nathaniel K. **HAMMOND** Jr, b 2 Nov 1786 in Blue Hill, Hancock Co ME, s/o Nathaniel **HAMMOND** Sr & Mary **ADAMS**. Hannah d 21 Sep 1831 in Jasper Co IN. Who were Hannah **VAN METER**'s par? Have info to share on this line. Suzy Mitchell, see 99-12

99-14: John Alexander **COWAN** b 1775 in VA, m 1797 to Rosanna **GILIESPIE** b 1777 in VA. They m in TN. Ch were: Jane **COWAN**, Elizabeth **COWAN**, James Gilispie **COWAN**, William Lockhart **COWAN**, Campbell Gilmore **COWAN**, Ellen "Nellie" Weir **COWAN**, Maldonetta **COWAN**, Samuel Finley [**COWAN**], John **COWAN** & Alexander **COWAN**. Born bet 1800-1815 in West TN. Who were the par/o John A. **COWAN** and Rosanna **GILISPIE**? Have info to share on this line. Suzy Mitchell, see 99-12

COLVETT FAMILY CHRONICLES
The History of the Colvett Family of Tennessee 1630-1990
 by Latayne Colvett Stanfill

This is a very unique style family history in that it traces the migration of this French Huguenot family from France through England, to Virginia, to North Carolina and on to Tennessee. He tells the story in a way that makes it fascinating reading for anyone interested in early history of the whys and ways of migration as our founding fathers settled this nation. He has documented the book with copies of legal documents, wills, deeds, etc. along with a detailed bibliography. In addition to the Colvett/Calvet family, he lists allied families Dillahunty, du Calvet, Latane, and Higdon. It may be ordered from Heirloom Press, History/ Genealogy, P.O. Box 250916, Glendale, CA 91225-0916.

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 FINANCIAL STATEMENT
 JANUARY 1, 1998 - DECEMBER 31, 1998

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CASH BALANCES JANUARY 1, 1998		
First Union Savings	9,643.97	
First Union Checking	1,124.66	
Outstanding Checks	(106.83)	
TOTAL		10,661.80
INCOME		
Memberships	8,493.00	
Returned Item Chargeback and Fee	(25.00)	
Donations	17.00	
VAN Back Issues	36.00	
Charts and Queries	5.00	
Interest On Savings Account	220.56	
TOTAL INCOME		8,746.56
TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR		
		19,408.36
EXPENSES		
Rental, P.O. Box 12485, for 1997, 1998	208.00	
Bulk Mail Fee, Permit 374	100.00	
Bulk Postage	397.52	
Postage, Miscellaneous	518.63	
Printing VAN	4,742.89	
Automated Mailing Systems	134.40	
Printing New Member Packets	26.33	
Copies And Supplies	415.17	
Computer Soft Ware	104.00	
Refreshments	11.11	
Honorariums and Fees	300.00	
Memorials	78.00	
Virginia State Corporation Fee	25.00	
VGS and NGS Fees	56.00	
Automated Bank Debit for new checks	81.15	
Burton Fund Expenses	1.74	
Audit Fee For 1997 Records	50.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		7,249.94
NET (BANK + INCOME - EXPENSES)		
		12,158.42
CASH BALANCES DECEMBER 31, 1998		
First Union Savings	11,385.53	
First Union Checking	1,050.47	
Outstanding Checks	(277.56)	
Owed to Stephen Jenkins	(0.02)	
TOTAL		12,158.42
		12,158.42

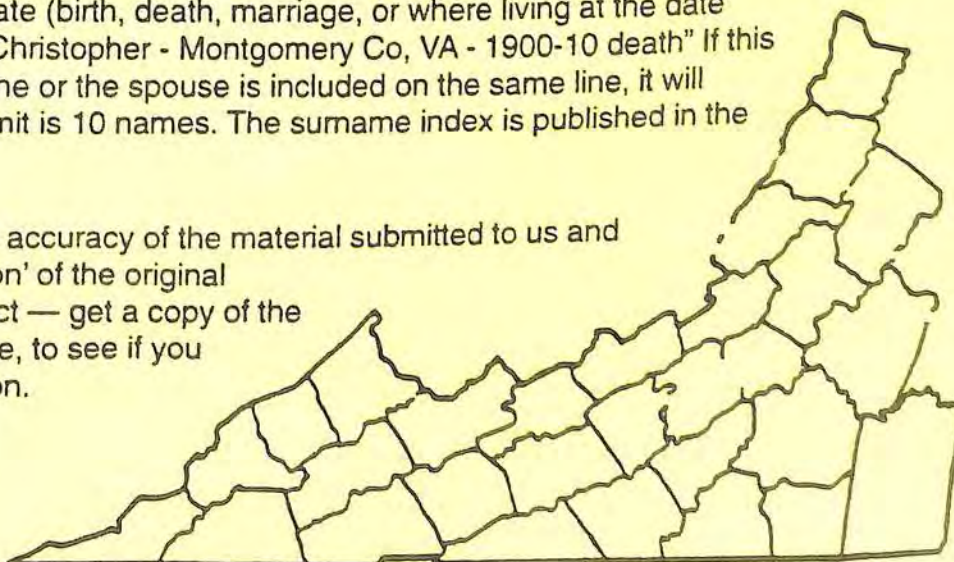
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