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MORE RECORDS: The recent collection of updates at FamilySearch.org reflect FamilySearch's commitment to digitally convert and publish its microfilm collection online. The latest additions include 25 million new images of historic records for 16 countries. The new records were added for Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Czech Republic, England, Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand, Peru, Poland, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, U.S., and Wales. Of particular interest is the addition of over 8 million civil registration records for the Netherlands. Search the records online now at FamilySearch.org.

Here are some that may be of immediate interest to researchers with ties to U.S. records:

Arkansas, Draft Registration Cards, compiled 1948-1959
California, San Mateo County Records, 1856-1967
California, San Mateo County, Colma, Italian Cemetery Records
Idaho, Clark County Records
Louisiana, First Registration Draft Cards, compiled 1940-1945
Louisiana, Second Registration Draft Cards, compiled 1948-1959
Maine, State Archives Collections
Maryland, Register of Wills Books, 1792-1983
Massachusetts, Plymouth County, Probate Estate Files, 1686-1881
Mississippi Enumeration of Educable Children, 1850-1892, 1908-1957
New York, Queens County Probate Records, 1899-1921
North Carolina, County Records, 1833-1970
North Carolina, Probate Records, 1735-1970
Ohio, Montgomery County, Probate Estate Files, 1857-1900
Ohio, Stark County Court Records, 1809-1917
Pennsylvania, Philadelphia Passenger List Index Cards, 1883-1948
South Carolina Probate Records, Files and Loose Papers, 1732-1964
Tennessee Probate Court Books, 1795-1927
Tennessee Probate Court Files, 1795-1927
Texas, Comanche County Records, 1858-1955
Texas, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Membership Applications, 1892-2010
Texas, Eagle Pass Arrival Manifests and Indexes, 1905-1954
Texas, Eastland County Records, 1868-1949
Texas, Gonzalez de la Garza Genealogy Collection
Utah, Davis County Records, 1869-1920
Washington State County Records, 1885-1950
Washington State, Army National Guard Records, 1880-1947
West Virginia Will Books, 1756-1971

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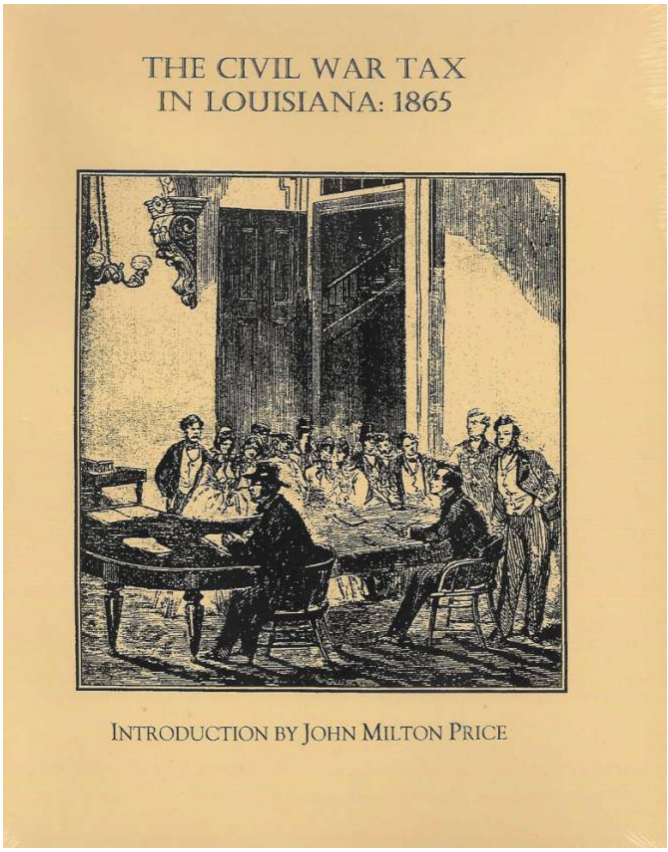
<u>BOOKS OF INTEREST:</u> Three more books from the Provincial collection of Winston De Ville are important for researchers and especially genealogists with ties to Louisiana.

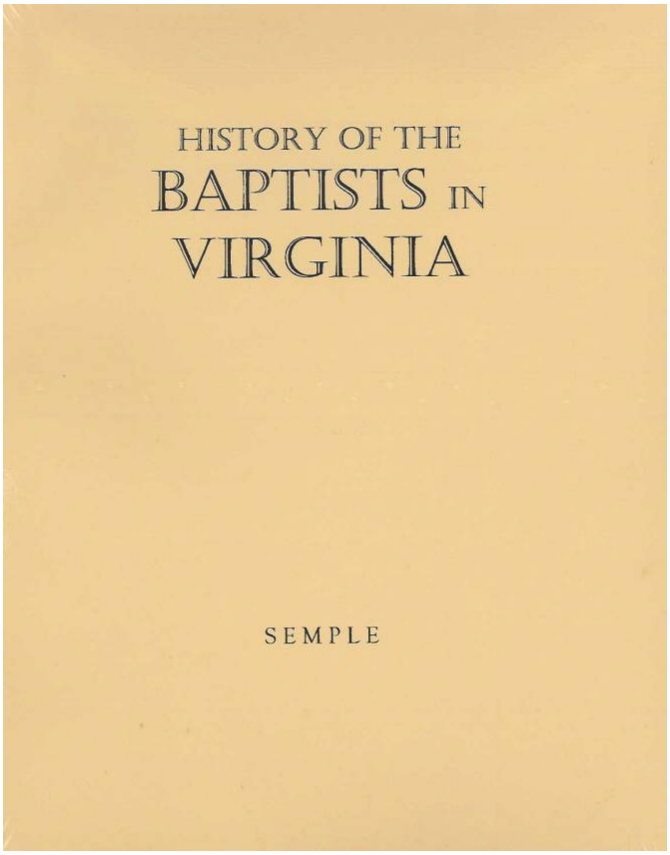


After the Civil War, Congress was bound and determined to have a federal tax levied on Louisiana. It is ironic that after having waged war to save the Union and free slaves, Washington politicians made the sale of slaves for tax payment a part of this new tax structure.

***The Civil War Tax in Louisiana 1865* contains the names of persons who paid the tax and the amount of the 1865 assessment for each. Arrangement is by parish, except for Calcasieu Parish, where no tax was collected, and some of the parishes are not always in alphabetical order. During a chaotic time in post-Civil War in Louisiana, this book is an excellent first reference for locating lost ancestors.**

Containing 355 pages, Claitor's Publishing has made this one available again to researchers for $48.50. It is an important collection of information and needs to be available in all major genealogical collections.

The second book is *History of Baptists in Virginia,* and this too is extremely valuable for genealogical researchers. This volume has been out of print but is now available again in this new reprint from Claitor's Publishing.

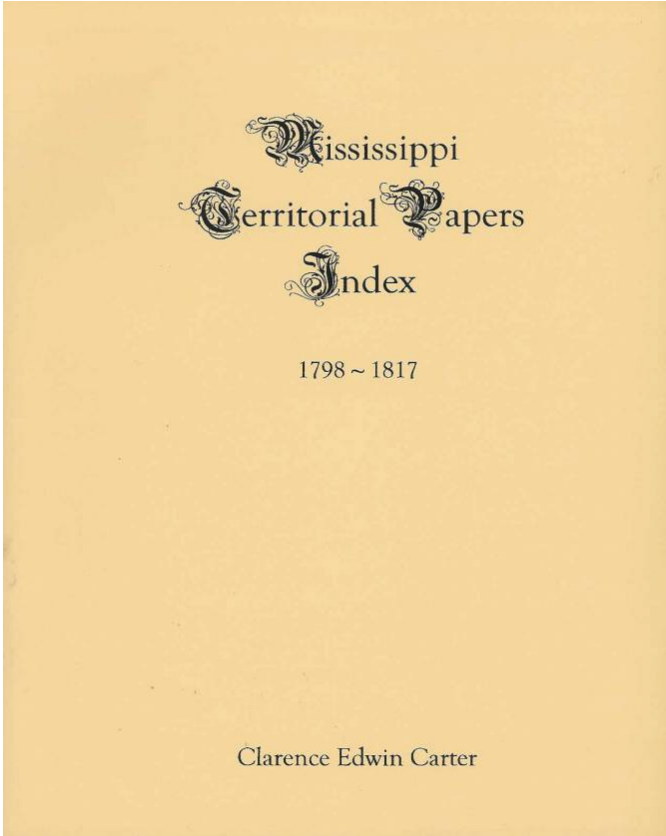


This book contains some 2,000 entries and includes the names of some of Virginia's first families. This huge volume was originally compiled by Robert B. Semple and revised by G.W. Beale with a preface by Joe M. King. With this new preface, the subject is placed in historical perspective.

This book is priced at $83.50.

The third book is *Mississippi Territorial Papers Index: 1798 – 1817* by Clarence Edwin Carter with an introduction by De Ville. Carter is responsible for the multi-volume *Territorial Papers of the United States* which has served historians for many years. With this Mississippi volume, researchers can take advantage of a source long neglected by family historians. He actually devoted two large volumes to this region in which so many Anglo-American frontier families became lost within a former Spanish colony.

This book gathers the two indices into a single volume. With over 10,000 entries in this two-part index, virtually all early (pre-statehood) families are named. Major research centers have copies of the texts, and copies of specific original documents are available from the National Archives.



This new edition from Claitor's Publishing contains 145 pages and priced at $38.50.

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