

# **CAJUNS, CREOLES, PIRATES AND PLANTERS**

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## **THE CLANS, SEPTS & REGIMENTS OF THE SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS**

**EXCELLENT RESEARCH SOURCE:** The eighth edition of *The Clans, Septs & Regiments of the Scottish Highlands* is available from Clearfield Company of Baltimore. This standard work on the Highland clans is the most accurate account of Scottish clans, tartans, and fighting regiments ever published. This particular edition features an alphabetical list of Scottish family names arranged according to the clans with which they were associated.

An authoritative and beautiful book, ranging across the entire spectrum of Scottish history and culture, it is primarily an encyclopedia of Scottish clanship, devoted, in the main, to a discussion of the following subjects: Scottish Highlands, Highland garb, the tartan, Highland surnames and titles, Highland regiments, coats of arms

in the clan system, Highland chiefs and chieftans, badges of clans and families, and lists of clan septs and dependents. Nowhere in print is there as complete an account of the Scottish Highlands in all these aspects.

The work was originally published in 1908, with a second edition in 1924 and a third in 1934. The late Sir Thomas Innes of Learney edited and revised it from the fourth edition (1952) to the eighth edition of 1970. Originally in a hardcover edition, it is now a soft-cover book containing 624 pages and completely indexed for easy perusal. The price is \$58, postage and handling included.

It can be ordered directly from Clearfield Company, 3600 Clipper Mill Road, Suite 260, Baltimore, MD 21211-1953. If you have traced your ancestry back to Scotland, this is the book to have as a permanent research source for your collection. I have to admit that it is an excellent volume for reading and especially for learning more info about the history of this country.

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**ANOTHER RESOURCE BOOK:** No matter how far along you are with your research, you can always find a use for *The Handybook for Genealogists*. I've used this source many times over the years and have the latest edition which is a vast improvement from that first edition I purchased years ago. It is definitely one that should be in major genealogical libraries and made available to patrons. I often get requests to recommend research aids, and this one is at the top of the list I give to interested researchers.

*The Handybook for Genealogists* is THE best-selling book in American genealogy. Since 1949, the editions of this valuable research aid have been purchased by over a million people. The latest edition integrates the winning formula of the previous editions with a number of important new features.

The genius of this volume is its capacity to provide the researcher with at-a-glance genealogical guidance for every county in the U.S. Every chapter commences with an essay about the genealogical history of the state and its records. This is followed by an up-to-date listing of genealogical archives, libraries, and societies and a bibliography of valuable printed sources--a feature that has been vastly expanded for the 10th edition. At the heart of the chapter, however, is an alphabetically arranged table of counties, which is keyed to a corresponding state map. For each county/parish, the table furnishes a map index number, the date of the county's creation, the parent county(ies) or territory(ies) (or parishes for Louisiana) from which it was created, and the address and phone number for the appropriate county or parish court. A thumbnail description of each county's surviving genealogical records completes that entry. Every county in the United States--in fact, every county in the volume--is enumerated in the index at the back of the book.

Other new features are noteworthy as well. For one thing the information about

counties/parishes in the new edition has been corroborated by county and parish officials around the country, 95% of whom responded to questionnaires sent to them by the publishers. The state maps, like the other graphics in the book, are now in color and show the state and county boundaries, county names, and rivers and lakes within the state boundaries. There is a special section pertaining to migration routes that includes migration trail maps and detailed descriptions of 120 different routes our ancestors traversed in the process of populating the nation. Each trail is described, and a summary of the states and counties/parishes through which the trail passed is given. Rounding out the book are brief essays, with maps, on the genealogical records of nineteen foreign countries from Australia through Switzerland.

Whether or not you own a previous edition of this extraordinary publication, the latest edition is one book you must have for your reference shelf. For more information on the availability of this one, contact Everton Publishers, P.O. Box 368, Logan, UT 84323-0368, or check with a local (major) bookstore to see about ordering this one.

You may also want to check out "The Genealogical Helper," their publication that has been around for many years. This too can be purchased at Barnes & Noble or any other major bookstore where extensive magazine collections can be found.

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**ROYAL LINEAGE:** Another good research book to have on hand is *Debrett's Peerage & Baronetage*. This one has been reviewed in this column before and mentioned here to point out the importance of some of these older volumes. Once your research has reached a certain point, you may want to see how much you can find on the royal lineages especially in Great Britain. This book has been around over two hundred years, and it is another one that all major genealogical libraries should add to their collections.

The original publisher of this book was Gale Research Company of Detroit, and at one time, they were noted for all their fine genealogical self-help volumes. *Debrett's Peerage & Baronetage* comprises information concerning the royal family, the peerage, privy counselors, Scottish Lords of Session, baronets, and chiefs of names and clans in Scotland.

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