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BOOK SALE: The Diocese of Baton Rouge is having an inventory reduction sale of their Catholic Church records. The Department of Archives is the repository of the sacramental records of the Catholic churches within the diocese. The Department has published abstracts of its holdings of sacramental records. To date, Volumes 1-22 have been published and are available for purchase. These books contain records of baptisms, marriages, and burials from 1707 to 1900.

These books were originally \$35 each, but they are now on sale for \$20 per copy, plus sales tax and mailing costs of \$4 for the first book and \$1 for each additional book. Prepayment can be by check or money order. They are unable to accept credit cards or process purchase orders from libraries. Further information can be learned by calling the Archives Department at 225-387-0561 or by e-mail at archives@diobr.org.

Pickup purchases can be paid in cash, check, or money order at the Catholic Life Center, located at 1800 South Acadian Thruway, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Applicable taxes are due at the time too as well as appropriate taxes depending on residence locations for people ordering from out of the parish. Mail orders can be sent to the Department of the Archives, P.O. Box 2028, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-2028.

Some volumes are in short supply, and no guarantee of availability can be granted. The list of books and dates are below:

__ Vol. 1a, revised (Acadian records, 1707-1749) __ Vol. 1b, revised (1722-1769)
__ Vol. 2 (1770-1803) __ Vol. 3 (1804-1819) __ Vol. 4 (1820-1829)
__ Vol. 5 (1830-1839) __ Vol. 6 (1840-1847) __ Vol. 7 (1848-1852)
(out of print)
__ Vol. 8 (1853-1857) __ Vol. 9 (1858-1862) __ Vol. 10 (1863-1865)
__ Vol. 11 (1868-1870) __ Vol. 12 (1871-1873) __ Vol. 13 (1874-1876)
__ Vol. 14 (1877-1879) __ Vol. 15 (1880-1882) __ Vol. 16 (1883-1885)
__ Vol. 17 (1886-1888) __ Vol. 18 (1889-1891) __ Vol. 19 (1892-1894)
__ Vol. 20 (1895-1896) __ Vol. 21 (1897-1898) __ Vol. 22 (1899-1900)

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NEW CD: Historians tell us that a large percentage of the population of colonial Virginia and Maryland consisted of men and women who had been transported from Great Britain and Ireland for crimes ranging from bigamy to highway robbery. Given the unique role of transportation in the peopling of colonial

America, Peter Wilson Coldham has made it his task, as England's foremost authority on 17th- and 18th-century emigration to America, to abstract from every surviving record the names and histories of all those sentenced in England and Ireland to be transported to America for their alleged crimes. This work has been in progress since 1974 and has finally achieved its culmination in the CD *British Emigrants in Bondage*, the definitive record of 48,000 felons carried from the jails of England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland to help populate colonial America.

This CD supersedes all of Coldham's previous work on the subject and includes a separate section on transported Irish felons and runaways. Also included is a history of the British transportation system, an exhaustive account of the records used in this work, and a complete list of convict ships that sailed to America between 1671 and 1788.

Based on a detailed examination of previously unexplored records and some recent discoveries by other immigration scholars, as well as Coldham's own *Complete Book of Emigrants in Bondage, 1614-1775* and its two *Supplements*, the CD *British Emigrants in Bondage* may be said to be exhaustive. In addition to a complete list of the names and the alleged crimes of the felons, Coldham provides a list of sources designed to help the researcher extend the history of every felon named.

To complete the survey of British records, a separate section entitled "Irish Transported Felons and Runaways" has been assembled with the cooperation of many of the best qualified American historians and genealogists who have generously agreed to the use of their published and unpublished work. In this way, it has proved possible not only to "rescue" the names of some 5,700 immigrant Irishmen but, in many cases, to link their names with their likely place of origin.

System Requirements: *Windows:* Pentium-class processor; Microsoft Windows 98SE, ME, NT4 (Service Pack 5 or 6), 2000, or XP; 64 MB of RAM; and, 70 MB of available hard disk space. *Macintosh Classic:* PowerPC processor; Apple Mac OS 8.6, 9.0.4, 9.1, or OS X 10.0.4; 32 MB of RAM; and, 40 MB of available hard disk space. *Macintosh OS X 10.2.2 or higher:* PowerPC G3 or later processor; Apple Mac OS X 10.2.2, 10.2.4 or higher; 64 MB of RAM; and, 70 MB of available hard drive space. Adobe Acrobat Reader is needed to access this CD.

Send orders to Genealogical Publishing Company, 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202-3897. This CD is \$33.99, postage and handling included.

Another CD that is also available from this company is *Notable British Families*. It is priced at \$43.99, postage and handling included.

Since the 1820s, the Burke family has produced a series of world-renowned books dealing with British nobility, aristocracy, and landed gentry. Beginning with *Burke's Peerage, Baronetage, and Knightage* (1826), followed by the four-volume set of *Burke's Commoners* (later called *Burke's Landed Gentry*), and extending right up to

the present time with the most recent edition of *Burke's Peerage* (no longer a family effort, however), Burke's publications have dominated the field of British and Anglo-American genealogy. With only a few exceptions, a typical Burke publication contains many hundreds of narrative pedigrees, each beginning with a biographical sketch of the principal subject, a description or illustration of his coat of arms, and a listing of marriages, children, and dates and places of birth and death in successive generations. Most pedigrees also contain details pertaining to education, occupation, honors, collateral families, and places of birth, residence, and death.

Along with an electronic search engine, or index, this Family Archive CD contains images of the pages of the most celebrated works ever published by Burke's (excepting only the various *Burke's Peerage* volumes). While most of the volumes included here deal with British lineages, at least two of the volumes deal with the British origins of American families. The following books, naming over 550,000 individuals, are included on this CD:

Burke's American Families with British Ancestry: Adapted from the 16th edition of *Burke's Landed Gentry*, this work gives the lineages of 1,600 American families with British ancestry and names 50,000 related individuals. All articles are drawn up along the lines of other Burke's publications except that descendants in the female line are not excluded from the pedigree.

The Prominent Families of the United States of America: Thought to be one of the most authoritative volumes of its kind, this work contains the lineage records of historically prominent American families, most of British ancestry. Hundreds of pedigrees are included, each beginning with the living subject and showing his descent from the earliest known ancestor.

A Genealogical History of the Dormant, Abeyant, Forfeited, and Extinct Peerages of the British Empire: Lineage records of 2,000 peerages--dukes, marquesses, earls, viscounts, and barons--that are now extinct. Lineages commence with the first known representative of the line and are carried through successive generations up to the extinction of the title.

A Genealogical and Heraldic History of the Extinct and Dormant Baronetcies of England, Ireland, and Scotland: Lineage records of 1,000 holders of the Order of Baronet whose titles were dormant or extinct by 1841. Each article follows the baronet's lineage from its creation to its extinction, providing details of education, service, occupation, collateral families, and places of birth, residence, and death.

The General Armory of England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales: This is the classic work on British heraldry, hailed as a monument when it was first published and never superseded. It is arranged alphabetically by family name and provides descriptions of 70,000 coats of arms. Also included are sections on royal heraldry and the orders of knighthood, as well as a dictionary of heraldic terms, an illustrated glossary, and a list of mottoes.

A Genealogical and Heraldic History of the Commoners of Great Britain and Ireland: This four-volume work is the standard genealogical guide to the lineage records of families in Great Britain and Ireland who had extensive land holdings and official rank but who did not have inheritable titles (the so-called landed gentry). Naming 50,000 individuals, each lineage identifies the earliest ancestor of record and proceeds in a straight line of descent, enumerating births, marriages, and deaths in successive generations.

A Genealogical and Heraldic History of the Colonial Gentry: Provides lineage records of many of the leading colonial families of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the West Indies, South Africa, and other parts of the British Empire.

Burke's Family Records: Traces the descent of "junior," or cadet, houses of the British nobility. Coats of arms are provided along with details respecting lineages.

System Requirements: You must have a CD-ROM drive, and in order to read the CD you must use either the Family Archive Viewer (version 4.0 or higher), which is available as a free download at <http://www.genealogical.com/content/dlfav6.html>, or Family Tree Maker for Windows, version 4.0 or higher (Family Tree Maker software can be ordered from www.FamilyTreeMaker.com).

To access information on Family Archive CDs using the Family Archive Viewer:

1. Install the Family Archive Viewer CD or download it from <http://www.genealogy.com/dlfav6.html>.
2. Start the Viewer if it is not already running
3. Insert the CD you wish to view into the CD-ROM drive. If you have 2 or more CD-ROM drives, the CD must be placed in the first one.
4. The CD should open automatically, but users of later versions of the Family Archive Viewer must click the CD/magnifying glass icon in the top toolbar (above the template in some versions) to read the CD.
5. When the screen entitled "About this Family Archive" appears, click OK where prompted.

To access information on Family Archive CDs using Family Tree Maker:

1. Start your Family Tree Maker and open a Family File. (If the program is already running, skip to Step 2.)
2. Insert the CD in your computer's CD-ROM drive. (If you have 2 or more CD-ROM drives, the CD must be placed in the first one.)
3. From the View menu, select Family Finder, or select the Family Finder icon from the toolbar.
4. For FTM 2005, FTM 2006, or Version 16, you must go to the View menu, select Data CD, then View CD. For FTM 2008 or higher, you must download the Family Archive Viewer.

To search the CD for names, select the Search Expert button in the top right of your screen, then select "Search this archive for someone NOT from your Family File." You can also search for names by using the Index.

Note: If a window opens that contains a list of files on the CD, simply close it.

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