

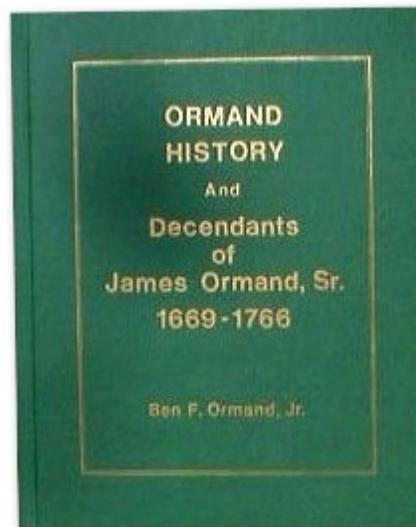
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ORMAND GENEALOGY: The history of the Ormand family is recorded beautifully in a book dating to the early 1980s. Called *Ormand, History and Descendants of James Ormand, Sr. 1669-1766* by Ben F. Ormand, it covers this family completely along with notations on the various spellings of the surname – Ormand, Ormond, Orman, etc.

This hardbound book contains 200 pages of which 48 pages are history and articles of the Ormand family. There were five distinct Ormond families in America. James Ormand (who died in 1829) settled at Ormond Beach, Florida. William Ormond Sr. (1696-1739) settled in Beaufort County, North Carolina. John James Ormond (1772-1866) moved to Alabama and settled there. One branch of the Ormonds went to Pennsylvania, and James Ormand Sr. (1669-1766) settled in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. His grave is the oldest one in Providence Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Charlotte, North Carolina.



The descendants of James Ormand, Sr. are traced in detail in the pages of this genealogical book which also contains eight pages of pictures. Several interesting points are gleaned in the book - about the Ormand Family Bible, which was published in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1732, the authentic Ormand Coat of Arms, the Old Furnace (Washington Furnace) where the Ormand Reunion and Picnic is held each year on the last Saturday in July, and the brief history of the Long Creek Presbyterian Church in Bessemer City, North Carolina. Benjamin Ormand, grandson of James Ormand, Sr. helped organize this church in 1780.



This book also contains a copy of the original land grant from King George II dated May 17, 1754 and some informative and interesting letters written by Robert Dixon Ormand Sr. while he was a soldier in the Civil War. Many families other than the Ormands can be found in this book: Goforth, Huffstetler, Froneberger, Stacy, Ramseur, Hovis, and Kennedy. Twelve generations are traced from James Ormand, Sr.

This book has a complete table of contents and an excellent alphabetical index. Every name that appears in the book is carefully indexed, and it is easy to follow the different family lineages. Ben F. Ormand was a retired Presbyterian minister living in Brevard, North Carolina at the time I received this book. It is just one of the many that I find so important to refer to in doing family research.

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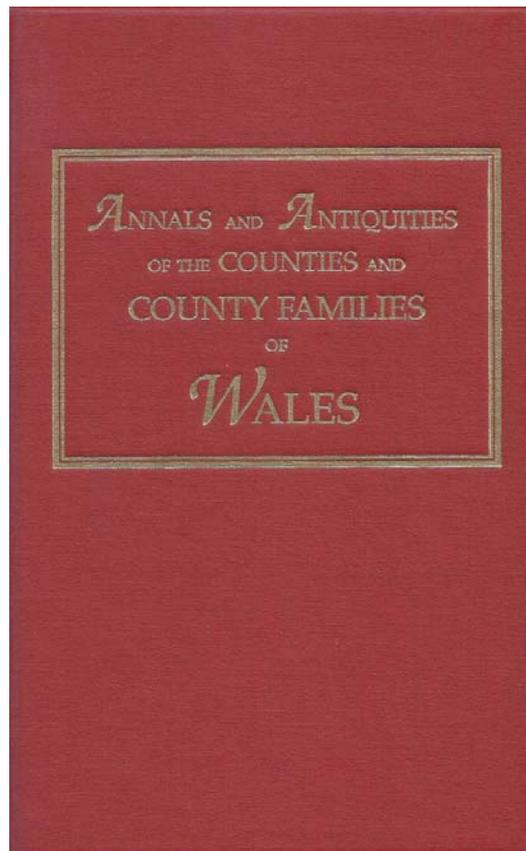
ORMOND PLANTATION: In Louisiana, it is recorded that a land grant stretching from the Mississippi River to Lake Pontchartrain was known as Ormond Plantation. It is located in the heart of Louisiana's German Coast and produced indigo before becoming a lucrative sugar plantation. The Ormond mansion has the distinction of being the oldest restored plantation home in the lower Mississippi River Valley.

Ormond's architecture is of the French West Indies style, a rare example of the building style of the earliest plantation homes along the Mississippi River. It is a house of mystery, of laughter, of prestige, and of hard times. Ormond was bombarded by the Federal Navy and captured by Federals during the Civil War, and at least one of Ormond's former slaves served with the Union Army. This home has its ghost stories and tales of mysterious events which have formed the history of the plantation. Today, the Ormond Mansion is on a 16-acre site and welcomes visitors to enjoy the history, hospitality, and grandeur of the Old South.

For complete information on the times the home is open, go to their website at <http://www.plantation.com/home.html>.

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WALES LINEAGES: First published in 1872, with a second edition in 1875, Thomas Nicholas's *Annals and Antiquities of the County Families of Wales* is still the standard work on Welsh family history and the chief source of genealogical data on the counties and families of the principality. Unlike other books on the subject, it combines histories of the ancient counties of Wales with family lineages, integrating the two to show the social and genealogical evolution of the country. Again unlike other works, it is based on the author's personal investigation of county records and family papers, producing in the end what can only be described as the most complete and faithful compendium of Welsh family history ever published.



In this work, now in a soft-cover format, researchers are entrusted with a reliable record of ancient and modern families as well as, to paraphrase the subtitle, a reliable record of all ranks of the gentry, their lineages, appointments, armorial ensigns, and residences; ancient pedigrees and memorials of old and extinct families; notices of the family history and antiquities of each county; and rolls of high sheriffs and other county officials.

So little is available on this subject that the reprint of this famous work is invaluable to Americans of Welsh descent. It is priced at \$85.50, postpaid and available from the Genealogical Publishing Company, 3600 Clipper Mill Road, Suite 260, Baltimore, MD 21211. It is fully illustrated and really is an excellent volume. (My original review copies were in two volumes, hardcover edition.)

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