

# *The Compendium of American Genealogy*

*The Standard Genealogical Encyclopedia of*

## THE FIRST FAMILIES OF AMERICA

### INSTRUCTIONS

#### For Editing Lineage Records

Please bear in mind that the accompanying Lineage Record, when published in *The Compendium of American Genealogy*, will be accepted as accurate and therefore every care should be taken to see that each name and date is accurate.

The fact that this work is distributed to the principal libraries thruout the world as well as to practically every public library of any size in the United States makes for certainty that this record will be consulted by many kinsfolk, not only of the present generations but also of generations yet to come. It will hold a greater value one hundred years hence than it holds today and future generations will be under obligation to you for having compiled these data and made them available.

Therefore, please edit this record with particular care, giving especial attention to the spelling of names, and the years of birth, marriage, and decease. If any names or dates are missing and can be supplied, please do so.

Where blank spaces appear in the syllabus please add the missing data if available.

#### EXPLANATION AND ANALYSIS OF LINEAGE RECORDS

- A—Your name at the head of the record is numbered 1.  
Please see that the names are written in full and properly spelled. Verify the date of your birth, and, if any, the date of your marriage, and the dates of birth of your children.  
**This is important.**
- B—The first known ancestor in America bears the highest number, which is the number of generations in this country including yourself. By this system of numbering your parents are always numbered 2; your grandparents are always numbered 3; and so on, regardless of the different number of generations in each lineage.
- C—Where the cross reference (qv) occurs (meaning "which see"), following the name of an immigrant ancestor, it means refer to the "List of Immigrant Ancestors," a separate section of the book containing the biographies of over 2,500 immigrant ancestors. This plan avoids duplicating identical data and also brings together into one section the largest list of biographies of immigrant ancestors ever compiled for a single volume.
- D—It will be noted that the surname of the earliest ancestor, in each line, appears in **Bold-face type**; this is to emphasize that the following generations, whose Christian names only are given, are all of the same surname as the name in the **Bold-face type**. When the surname is changed by the marriage of a daughter, her husband's name appears also in **Bold-face type** to emphasize the change in surname.

By referring to the page of specimen records herewith the above explanations will be readily understood.

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