

Announcing the publication of
THE FOUR GOFF BROTHERS OF WESTERN VIRGINIA

Phillip G. Goff and Roy L. Lockhart are pleased to announce the publication of their book, ***The Four Goff Brothers of Western Virginia, A New Perspective on Their Lives*** (Morgantown, PA: Masthof Press, 2003). The book follows the lives of James, John Turton, Thomas and Salathiel Goff as they forged the western Virginia frontier in the 1770s. After sojourns into what are now Loudoun Co., Va. and Hardy Co., W.Va., the Goff brothers raised families in present-day Preston Co., W.Va.; Tucker Co., W.Va. and Clark Co., Ky. Descendants are disbursed across the U.S., with concentrations in West Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, Ohio, Illinois, Kansas, Texas, Nebraska, Maryland and Pennsylvania. Descendants married into families, including Bolyard, Boyles, Bush, Denny, Hardman, Riddle, Heck, Moats, Springston, Stockwell, Sudduth and Swetnam.

Building on 40 years of research by Lockhart, the authors in 1999 embarked on a quest to uncover and examine every contemporary reference to these four pioneering brothers. Scouring public and private archives from Massachusetts to Florida, Lockhart and Goff identified nearly 1,400 documents from 1766 to 1833 pertaining to the four Goff brothers. Among these were never-before-published records containing groundbreaking information on the early lives of the Goff brothers and their families. The resulting book is a fully indexed work, with newly prepared maps, original illustrations, signatures of all four men, quotes from three of the brothers and photographs of one child and 53 grandchildren of the four Goff brothers.

With 400+ pages and nearly 2,300 footnotes, this hardbound book is divided into three parts. The first section, which is unique among genealogy books, recounts how the Goff brothers conquered the wilderness of western Virginia in search of land, while surviving Indian attacks and living through land disputes, slavery and personal struggles. The book continues with a genealogy of the Goff brothers, beginning with what is known about their parents and proceeding through their over 250 grandchildren born between 1792 and 1861. The book concludes with documentary appendices, including key court cases and surviving wills of three of the Goff brothers.

The Four Goff Brothers of Western Virginia was published September 2003. Order today, as this will be a limited edition. This family keepsake will make a wonderful gift for family members. To order, please complete the attached order form and submit, along with a check, according to the instructions. More details at <http://home.comcast.net/~philgoff/goffbook.htm>

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