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This personal name index to 99 issues of the *Bulletin* published from 1992 through 2017 represents the culmination of over four years of indexing by those named above. The bulk of the indexing was done by the first six persons listed above. The index accumulates entries of over 363,600 names. The *Bulletin's* editor combined the data in a spreadsheet, then sorted and manipulated the data so that it could be presented in its final form. To use the index properly, please use the following guidelines:

1 Whenever the letters “nfn” are found, interpret this as “no first name”. This usually means that someone is mentioned by surname only. For example, a deed abstract might mention joining Smith’s property line but might not identify Smith’s given name. In some cases one may be able to infer the given name by examining the accompanying text. At times a record without given name may have been indexed with an inferred given name.

2 Queries printed in the *Bulletins* have been indexed separately as is indicated on the webpage. Keep in mind that queries are not abstracts of records, and while they may have correct content about individuals they may also contain invalid statements made by the submitters. The names of persons submitting queries are not indexed.

3 There is an index for each letter of the alphabet, X excepted, there being none. The letter represents the first letter of the surname. There is also a section, after Z, denoted by “??” for incomplete surnames for which the first letter was not known and for persons whose last name was not stated. The latter are shown as “nln” meaning “no last name” or “nnc” meaning “name not clear”. Again, sometimes the last name may be inferred by reading the

material accompanying the first name. One may also find the names of some slaves here.

4 Generally speaking, persons of color, slave or free, are indexed separately as indicated on the webpage. However, this is only true for records before the government's emancipation of slaves. Otherwise, no distinction is made as to race or color. If there are multiple references to a named slave, it is not necessarily the case that they all refer to the same individual. A free person of color having a surname will usually be indexed under the first letter of that surname rather than in the index of slaves.

5 One may find an index entry with the word "family" or "surname" in the location of given names. This merely indicates that there is mention of the last name in some context.

6 Over the years most members submitted lists of surnames in which they had an interest at the time and these were listed when they joined the Society. Those surnames are also indexed and may be found by looking for an entry under a surname with the words "member interested in". The names of the persons who submitted those names are not indexed but may be found by referring to the appropriate issues. Keep in mind that addresses may have changed and, sadly, many of these persons are now deceased. The Society published a separate membership directory in December 1993 which listed surnames of interest for many persons who became members in the years from 1973 to 1991.

7 If there is a number in parentheses after an indexed page number, it indicates that the name occurred that number of times on the page. These numbers in parentheses may not be precise, but at least they are an indication that you need to look over that page carefully for multiple references to the person for whom you are looking.

8 Spellings of names have NOT been standardized or corrected. Be sure to look for all imaginable variations in name spellings as they occurred in older records. Also, be aware that typographical errors may have occurred either when material was typed for issues of the *Bulletin* or during preparation of the index. One is advised to peruse the index for stray variations on surname spellings. As should always be the case, examine original documents for confirmation of the correctness of any content in the *Bulletin* throughout the years.

The Society wishes you well in your pursuit of knowledge of your families and hopes this long-awaited index will serve you well.