

**HISTORICAL FOUNDATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN AND
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We have been having an unusual number of inquiries in the field of family history recently. The majority of these are from amateur rather than professional genealogists. We try to do something for everyone who makes such an inquiry and this is frequently not just what they want or even what we understand them to want.

The Historical Foundation has a somewhat extensive card file on individuals in the nature of an index to materials here in the Foundation. This frequently gives us a starting point for investigation. We have a goodly number of records of local Presbyterian churches in our Archives. Since these usually carry entries of baptisms and occasionally those of marriages, we are in position to supply some data from these sources.

In the case of visiting genealogists we attempt to extend whatever assistance is possible on our part. There is no professional worker along this line here in Montreat to whom we can refer what obviously promise to be inquiries requiring prolonged research.

Just now I am engaged in preparing a paper on "The Genealogist and Ecclesiastical Records" to be read before the National Genealogical Society at a meeting in Washington on April 4, 1959.

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