



Getting Started with Local History

Course Book List

Students often ask us for suggested additional reading for our courses. For most of our courses any additional reading is up to you. For our Intermediate and Advanced Certificates courses, students generally attain higher marks when demonstrating evidence of additional reading and there are some compulsory texts for our Advanced Certificate courses.

Here is some optional further reading for this course, in the form of books that you may want to source before your course starts. There may be additional reading material referenced in the course notes. There is a lot here so the most important texts are highlighted in bold. None of this reading is compulsory.

General Books on Local History:

- **Dymond, David. *Writing Local History: A Practical Guide*. Phillimore & Co, 1981**
- Dymond, David. *Researching and Writing History: A Guide for Local Historians*. 3rd ed., Carnegie Publishing, 2009
- **Hey, David. *Family History & Local History in England*. Routledge, 2015**
- Hoskins, W. G., *Local History in England*. 3rd ed., Longman, 1984
- **Tiller, Kate. *English Local History: An Introduction*. Sutton Publishing, 1992**

Useful Guides for British Local History:

- Crosby, Alan. *Internet Sites for Local Historians: A Directory*. 5th ed., British Association For Local History, 2020
- Forrest, Mark. *Reading Early Handwriting*. British Association For Local History, 2019

- Hey, David. *The Oxford Companion to Family and Local History*. 2nd ed., Oxford University Press, 2010
- Munby, Lionel M. *Dates and Time: A handbook for Local Historians*. Phillimore & Co., 1997
- Raymond, Stuart A. *Researching Local History: your guide to the sources*. Pen & Sword, 2022
- Sinclair, Cecil. *Tracing Scottish Local History*. Scottish Record Office, 1994
- Stephens, W. B. *Sources for English Local History*. Manchester University Press, 1973

Industry and Population:

- Annal, David and Audrey Collins, *Birth, Marriage and Death Records: A Guide for Family Historians*. Pen & Sword, 2012
- Dibnah, Fred. *Age of Steam*. BBC, 2003
- Hutchinson, Roger. *The Butcher, the Baker, the Candlestick-Maker: The story of Britain through its census, since 1801*. Abacus, 2017
- Jolly, Emma. *Tracing Your Family History using the Census*. Pen & Sword, 2020

Social Conditions:

- Briggs, Asa. *Victorian Cities*. Penguin, 1990
- Sanghera, Sathnam. *Empireland: How Imperialism Has Shaped Modern Britain*. Viking, 2021

Belief:

- Chase, Malcolm. *Chartism: A New History*. Manchester University Press, 2007
- Hobsbawm, Eric and George Rudé, *Captain Swing*. Penguin, 1973
- Rediker, Marcus. *The Fearless Benjamin Lay: the Quaker Dwarf Who Became the First Revolutionary Abolitionist*. Verso, 2017
- *Tracing Your Nonconformist Ancestors*. Pen & Sword, 2017

Trade and Work:

- Paterson, Michael. *A Brief History of Life in Victorian Britain*. Robinson, 2008

Land:

- **Hoskins, W. G. *The Making of the English Landscape*. Penguin, 1985**
- **Turner, Michael. *Enclosures in Britain 1750-1830*. Palgrave, 1984**

Politics and Government:

- **Marr, Andrew. *A History of Modern Britain*. Pan, 2017**
- **Marr, Andrew. *The Making of Modern Britain*. Pan, 2010**
- **Pankhurst, Sylvia. *The Suffragette: The History of the Women's Militant Suffrage Movement*. Dover Children's, 2015**
- **Sewell, Rob. *In the Cause of Labour: A History of the British Trade Unions, 1792-2003*. Well Red Publications, 2003**

The First and Second World Wars:

- **Fowler, Simon. *Tracing Your First World War Ancestors*. 2nd ed., Pen & Sword, 2021**
- 'Airfields in the Second World War' series by Countryside Books
- 'In the First World War' series by Amberley Publishing
- 'Towns & Cities in World War Two' series by Pen & Sword Books

Life, Death and Community:

- **Carnevali, Francesca and Julie-Marie Strange (ed.), *20th Century Britain: Economic, Cultural and Social Change*. 2nd ed., Routledge, 2007**
- **Ross, Peter. *A Tomb With a View – The Stories & Glories of Graveyards*. Headline, 2021**
- **Taylor, Becky. *Refugees in Twentieth-Century Britain: A History*. Cambridge University Press, 2021**

Maps and Surveys:

- **Beech, Geraldine and Rose Mitchell (ed.), *Maps for Family and Local History: The Records of the Tithe, Valuation Office, and National Farm Surveys of England and Wales, 1836-1943*. 2nd ed., The National Archives, 2004**

- Finnegan, Oliver and Catherine Glover, *British Farm Surveys 1941-1943: The National farm survey of England and Wales and the agricultural survey in Scotland, reports and statistical analysis*. List and Index Society, 2014

Picturing Britain:

- Edwards, Elizabeth. *Photographs and the Practice of History: A Short Primer*. Bloomsbury Academic, 2022
- Jennings, Dave. *Birmingham in Photographs: The Changing City*. Amberley Publishing, 2020

Oral history, Folklore and Legends:

- Fife, Austin E. 'Folklore and Local History' *Utah Historical Quarterly* Vol. 31. 1963
- Phythian-Adams, Charles. *Local History and Folklore: A New Framework*. Bedford Square Press for the Standing Conference for Local History, 1975
- Roberts, Elizabeth. *A Woman's Place. An oral history of working class women, 1890-1940*. John Wiley & Sons, 1984

Planning and Recording Research:

- Bloc, Marc. *The Historian's Craft*. Manchester University Press, 1992
- Dymond, David. *Researching and Writing History: A Guide for Local Historians*. 3rd ed., Carnegie Publishing, 2009
- Tuchman, Barbara W. *Practicing History: Selected Essays*. Macmillan, 1982