



Progressing your 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:

- Durie, Bruce. *Understanding Documents for Genealogy & Local History*. The History Press, 2013
- **Dymond, David. *Researching and Writing History: A Guide for Local Historians*. 3rd ed., Carnegie Publishing, 2009**
- Forrest, Mark. *Reading Early Handwriting 1500-1700*. British Association for Local History, 2019
- Hey, David. *Family History & Local History in England*. Routledge, 2015
- **Hey, David. *The Grass Roots of English History: Local Societies in England before the Industrial Revolution*. Bloomsbury Academic, 2016**
- **Hey, David. *The Oxford Companion to Family and Local History*. 2nd ed., Oxford University Press, 2010**
- Hoskins, W. G., *Local History in England*. 3rd ed., Longman, 1984

- Jarvis, Claire. *Teach Yourself Palaeography: A Guide for Genealogists and Local Historians*. The History Press, 2022
- **Raymond, Stuart. A., *Researching Local History: Your Guide to the Sources*. Pen & Sword, 2022**
- Sinclair, Cecil. *Tracing Scottish Local History*. Scottish Record Office, 1994
- Tiller, Kate. *English Local History: An Introduction*. Sutton Publishing, 1992

Historical Overviews of the Course Period:

- Barrell, A. D. M. *Medieval Scotland*. Cambridge University Press, 2008
- Bowen, Lloyd. *Early Modern Wales, c.1536-1689: Ambiguous Nationhood*. University of Wales Press, 2022
- Bucholz, Robert and Newton Key, *Early Modern England 1485-1714: A Narrative History*. 3rd ed., Wiley-Blackwell, 2019
- **Crouch, David. *Medieval Britain, c.1000–1500*. Cambridge University Press, 2017**
- King, Edmund. *Medieval England: From Hastings to Bosworth*. The History Press, 2009
- **Miller, John. *Early Modern Britain, 1450–1750*. Cambridge University Press, 2017**
- Smout, T. C. *A History of the Scottish People, 1560-1830*. Fontana Press, 1998
- Stephenson, David. *Medieval Wales c.1050-1332: Centuries of Ambiguity*. University of Wales Press, 2019

Placenames:

- Abernethy, John. *Collins Scottish Place Names*. Collins, 2009
- Davies, Dewi. *Welsh Place Names and Their Meanings*. Y Lolfa, 2016
- Field, John. *A History of English Field-Names*. Routledge, 2014
- **Mills, A.D. *A Dictionary of British Place Names*. Oxford University Press, 2011**

Structures:

- **Backe-Hansen, Melanie. *Historic Streets and Squares: The Secrets On Your Doorstep*. The History Press, 2022**
- Backe-Hansen, Melanie. *House Histories: The Secrets Behind Your Front Door*. The History Press, 2019

- Barratt, Nick. *Tracing the History of Your House: The Building, the People, the Past*. PRO Publications, 2006
- Blanchard, Gill. *Tracing Your House History: A Guide For Family Historians*. Pen & Sword, 2013
- Olusoga, David and Melanie Backe-Hansen, *A House Through Time*. Picador, 2020

Reading the Landscape

- Hoskins, W. G. *The Making of the English Landscape*. Penguin, 1985
- Millman, R.N. *The Making of the Scottish Landscape*. Harper Collins, 1975
- Ochota, Mary-Ann. *Hidden Histories: A Spotter's Guide to the British Landscape*. Frances Lincoln, 2018
- Pryor, Francis. *The Making of the British Landscape: How We Have Transformed the Land, from Prehistory to Today*. Penguin, 2011
- Turner, Michael. *Enclosures in Britain 1750-1830*. Palgrave, 1984
- Tyack, Geoffrey. *The Making of Our Urban Landscape*. Oxford University Press, 2022

Archaeology

- Adkins, Roy and Lesley and Victoria Leitch, *The Handbook of British Archaeology*. Constable, 2008
- Barber, Martyn. *A History of Aerial Photography and Archaeology: Mata Hari's glass eye and other stories*. Historic England, 2011
- Catling, Catling. *A Practical Handbook of Archaeology: A Beginner's Guide to Unearthing the Past*. Hermes House, 2013
- Evan-Hart, Julian and Dave Stuckey, *Beginner's Guide To Metal Detecting*. Greenlight Publishing, 2012
- Gilchrist, Roberta. *Medieval Life: Archaeology and the Life Course*. The Boydell Press, 2012 (also for medieval history generally in Lesson Two)
- Hovell, Gillian. *Visiting the Past: A Guide to Finding and Understanding Britain's Archaeology: A Guide to Britain's Archaeology*. The History Press, 2009
- Maiklem, Lara. *Mudlarking: Lost and Found on the River Thames*. Bloomsbury Publishing, 2019

Early Medieval

- Charles-Edwards, T.M., *Wales and the Britons, 350-1064*. Oxford University Press, 2014
- *Domesday Book: A Complete Translation*. Penguin, 2003
- Fraser, James E., *From Caledonia to Pictland: Scotland to 795*. Edinburgh University Press, 2009
- **Naismith, Rory. *Early Medieval Britain, c.500–1000*. Cambridge University Press, 2021**
- Sawyer, P. H., *Anglo-Saxon Charters: an Annotated List and Bibliography*. Royal Historical Society, 1968
- Stenton, Frank. *Anglo-Saxon England*. Oxford University Press, 2001
- Woolf, Alex., *From Pictland to Alba: Scotland, 789-1070*. Edinburgh University Press, 2007

The Church

- Bischoff, Bernhard. *Latin Palaeography: Antiquity and the Middle Ages*. Cambridge University Press, 1990
- Gooder, Eileen. *Latin for Local History: An Introduction*. Longman, 1978
- Orme, Nicholas. *Going to Church in Medieval England*. Yale University Press, 2022
- Rodwell, Warwick. *The Archaeology of Churches*. Amberley Publishing, 2012
- **Yorke, Trevor. *English Churches Explained: An Easy-Reference Guide to the Architecture & History of the Churches Around Us*. Countryside Books, 2010**

Legal records

- Alcock, Nat. *Tracing History Through Title Deeds: A Guide for Family and Local Historians*. Pen & Sword, 2017
- **Moore, Susan. *Tracing Your Ancestors Through the Equity Courts: A Guide for Family and Local Historians*. Pen & Sword, 2017**

Feudal Estates

- Bailey, M. *The English Manor c.1200-c.1500*. Manchester University Press, 2002
- **Forrest, Mark with Helen Watt, *Manors and Manorial Documents After 1500: a guide for local and family historians in England and Wales*. British Association for local History, 2022**
- Stuart, Denis. *Manorial Records: An Introduction of their Transcription and Translation*. Phillimore & Co., 1992
- Watt, Helen. *Welsh Manors and Their Records*. National Library of Wales, 2000

The Parish

- Annal, David and Audrey Collins, *Birth, Marriage and Death Records*. Pen & Sword, 2012
- Cole, Anne. *An Introduction to Poor Law Documents before 1834*. Federation of Family History Societies, 1994
- Hitchman, Valerie and Andrew Foster (eds.), *Views from the Parish: Churchwardens' Accounts c.1500-c.1800*. Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2015
- Humphrey-Smith, Cecil R. *The Phillimore Atlas and Index of Parish Registers*, Phillimore & Co., 2002
- Raymond, S. A. *Tracing Your Ancestors' Parish Records*. Pen & Sword, 2015
- **Tate, W. E. *The Parish Chest*. 3rd ed., Phillimore & Co., 2010**
- **Winchester, Angus. *Discovering Parish Boundaries*. 2nd ed., Shire Publications, 2000**

The Courts

- Chapman, Colin. *Ecclesiastical courts, their officials and their records*. Lochin Publishing, 1992
- Cox, Jane. *Hatred Pursued Beyond the Grave*. HMSO, 1993
- **Gibson, Jeremy. *Quarter Sessions Records for Family Historians*. The Family History Partnership, 2007**
- McLaughlin, Eve. *Quarter Sessions: Your Ancestor & the Law*. Varneys, 1995
- **Tarver, Anne. *Church Court Records. An Introduction for Family and Local Historians*. Phillimore & Co., 1995**

- Thomson, Andrew. *Church Courts and the People in Seventeenth-Century England Ecclesiastical justice in peril at Winchester, Worcester and Wells*. UCL Press, 2022

Probate

- Arkell, Tom, Nesta Evans and Nige Goose, *When Death Do Us Part: Understanding and Interpreting the Probate Records of Early Modern England*. Leopard's Head Press, 2000
- Gibson, Jeremy and Stuart Raymond, *Probate Jurisdictions: Where to Look for Wills*. 6th ed., The Family History Partnership, 2016
- Raymond, Stuart A. *Wills of Our Ancestors: A Guide for Family & Local Historians*. Pen & Sword, 2013

Population Documents

- Arkell, T. 'Multiplying factors for estimating population from the hearth tax' in *Local Population Studies* (1982)
- Dyer, A. and D. M. Palliser, (eds.), *The Diocesan Population Returns for 1563 and 1603*. British Academy, 2005
- Shurer, K. and V. T. J. Arkell, *Surveying the People: Interpretation and Use of Document Sources for the Study of Population in the Later Seventeenth Century*. Leopard's Head Press, 1992
- Whiteman, Anne (ed.) *The Compton Census of 1676: A Critical Edition*. Oxford University Press, 1986

Reformation and Revolution

- Donaldson, Gordon. *The Scottish Reformation*. Reissue ed., Cambridge University Press, 2014
- Lipscombe, Nick. *The English Civil War: An Atlas and Concise History of the Wars of the Three Kingdoms 1639–51*. Osprey, 2020
- Marshall, Peter. *Heretics and Believers: A History of the English Reformation*. Yale University Press, 2018
- Purkiss, Diane. *The English Civil War: A People's History*. Perennial, 2007

- Raymond, Stuart A. *Tracing Your Nonconformist Ancestors: A Guide for Family and Local Historians*. Pen & Sword, 2017
- Royle, Trevor. *Civil War: The War of the Three Kingdoms 1638-1660*. Abacus, 2005

Analysis Techniques:

- Ahnert, Ruth, Sebastian E. Ahnert, Catherine Nicole Coleman and Scott B. Weingart, [*The Network Turn*](#). Cambridge University Press, 2020
- Corfield, Penelope J. and Tim Hitchcock, *Becoming a Historian: An Informal Guide*. University of London Press, 2012 (Parts 1 and 2)
- *The American Historical Review* Vol. 124, Issue 2 (2019)
- Hudson, Pat and Mina Ishizu, *History by Numbers: An Introduction to Quantitative Approaches*. 2nd ed., Bloomsbury Academic, 2016
- MacFarlane, Alan, with Sarah Harrison and Charles Jardine. *Reconstructing Historical Communities*. Cambridge University Press, 1977
- Schrag, Zachary M., *The Princeton Guide to Historical Research*. Princeton University Press, 2021
- Scott, John. *Social Network Analysis*. 4th ed., SAGE Publications, 2017

Visual Interpretations

- Alamalhodaie, Aria and Anna Feigenbaum. *The Data Storytelling Workbook*. Routledge, 2020
- Cairo, Alberto. *The Truthful Art, Data, Charts, and Maps for Communication*. New Riders, 2016

Conceptual Approaches

- Arnold, John. H., *History: A Very Short Introduction*. Oxford University Press, 2000
- Bentley, Michael., *Modern Historiography: An Introduction*. Routledge, 1998
- Bloc, Marc. *The Historian's Craft*. Manchester University Press, 1992
- Carr, E.H., *What is History?* 3rd ed., Palgrave Macmillan, 2002
- Evans, Richard J., *In Defense of History*. W.W. Norton & Company, 2000
- Tuchman, Barbara W. *Practicing History: Selected Essays*. Macmillan, 1982

- **Sharing Research**
- Brundage, Antony. *Going to the Sources: A Guide to Historical Research and Writing*. 6th ed., Wiley-Blackwell, 2017
- **Corfield, Penelope J. and Tim Hitchcock, *Becoming a Historian: An Informal Guide*. University of London Press, 2012 (Parts 2 and 3)**
- **Dymond, David. *Researching and Writing History: A Guide for Local Historians*. 3rd ed., Carnegie Publishing, 2009**