



Building on a solid foundation: Genealogy methods and techniques

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. with the most important texts highlighted in bold. There may be additional reading material referenced in the course notes. Some of these (Elder et al and Morgan et al) are primarily focused on US research, but the principles are the same.

- **Cummings, Karen. *Genealogy Methods and Techniques: A Practical Guide to Research*. The Crowood Press, 2026.**
- Elder, Diana, Dyer, Nicole. *Research Like a Pro, A Genealogist's Guide*. Family Locket Books, 2018.
- Herber, Mark. *Ancestral Trails*. 2nd ed., The History Press, 2005.
- **Osborn, Helen. *Genealogy. Essential Research Methods*. Robert Hale, London, 2012.**
- Morgan, George G., Smith, Drew. *Advanced Genealogical Research Techniques*. McGraw-Hill Education, 2014.
- Smith, Angela, Bertram, Neil. *Tracing Your Ancestors Using the UK Historical Timeline, A Guide for Family Historians*. Pen & Sword, Barnsley, 2021.
- Smith, Drew. *Generation by Generation, A Modern Approach to the Basics of Genealogy*. Genealogical Publishing Company, Maryland, 2023.

- Todd, Andrew. *Family History Nuts and Bolts, problem-solving through Family Reconstitution Techniques*. 3rd ed., Andrew Todd, 2015.
- Waller, Ian. *Family History Research Challenges and How to Solve Them*. Family History Federation, Dorchester, 2019.