

Selected Bibliography for England Genealogy Research

(selected reference works)

The first two lists below are the bibliography section from handouts for two of my talks on England genealogy research.

Overview of Genealogy Research in England

Herber, Mark. *Ancestral Trails - The Complete Guide to British Genealogy and Family History*. Second edition. Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 2004.

Humphrey-Smith, Cecil R., editor. *The Phillimore Atlas & Index of Parish Registers*. Third edition. Chichester, West Sussex, England: Phillimore and Co. Ltd., 2003.

Smith, Frank. *A Genealogical Gazetteer of England*. Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1968.

Smith, Frank and David E. Gardner. *Genealogical Research in England and Wales*. Vol. 1. Salt Lake City, Utah: Bookcraft Publishers, 1956. (Vol. 1, Vol. 2, Vol. 3. Available in digital format on FamilySearch)

Location Finding Aids: Maps, Gazetteers & Websites to Find Your Places in England

Bartholomew, John. *The Survey Gazetteer of the British Isles*. Edinburgh: John Bartholomew & Son, Ltd. 1914.

Blatchford, Robert and Elizabeth Blatchford. *The Family and Local History Handbook 14*. Nether Poppleton, York: Robert Blatchford Publishing Ltd. 2013. (Includes directory to local family history societies.)

Gardner, David E. and Frank Smith. *Genealogical Research in England and Wales*. Vol. 2. Salt Lake City, Utah: Bookcraft Publishers, 1959. (Ch. 9 – The Counties of England and Wales). Also available in digital format on FamilySearch.

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Lewis, Samuel. *Lewis' Topographical Dictionary of England*. S. Lewis & Co. 5th ed. 1844.

Smith, Frank. *A Genealogical Gazetteer of England*. Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1968.

The Ordnance Survey National Atlas of Great Britain. Ordnance Survey-Country Life. 1987.

Other works – by subject

This list expands on the previous selected reference works recommended by David Flint as a reading list for genealogy research in England and Wales. These titles are arranged by subject and are listed in no particular order. (Entries are copied from Library Thing catalog listing of books in my personal collection.)

Church Parish Records

Buried Treasure: what's in the English parish chest by Paul Milner. Australia: Unlock the Past, 2015; softcover; 60 pages.

The Parish Chest: A Study of the Records of Parochial Administration in England by W. E. Tate. Cambridge University Press (1969), Third edition, hardcover, 369 pages.

The Handy Book of Parish Law by Rosemary Church and Beryl Hurley; Wiltshire Family History Society (1995), Paperback, 112 pages.

Discover English Parish Registers by Paul Milner. Australia: Unlock the Past, 2014; softcover; 52 pages.

Tracing Your Ancestors' Parish Records by Stuart Raymond. Barnsley, South Yorkshire: Pen & Sword Books Ltd (2015), 192 pages.

National Index Of Parish Registers Volume 1: Sources Of Births, Marriages And Deaths Before 1837 by D. J. Steel. Society Of Genealogists (1968), Edition: reprinted 1980, 439 pages.

Parish Maps of the Counties of England and Wales by The Institute Of Heraldic And Genealogical Studies. Logan, Utah: The Everton Publishers (1977).

Manorial Records

Manorial Records for family historians by Geoffrey Barber. Australia: Unlock the Past; Second edition, 2018; 88 pages.

How to locate and use manorial records by Patrick T. R. Palgrave-Moore. Norwich, Norfolk : Elvry Dowers Publications, 1985; Second Edition, 1993; 24 pages.

Manorial Records by Denis Stuart. The History Press (2010), 128 pages.

Poor Law Records

Discover the Poor Law in England and Wales by Paul Blake. Australia: Unlock the Past; 2018; 62 pages.

Life in a Victorian Workhouse by Peter Higginbotham. Pitkin Publishing (2011), Edition: UK ed., 32 pages.

The World We Have Lost: Further Explored by Peter Laslett. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons (1984), Third edition, 353 pages.

Voices from the Workhouse by Peter Higginbotham. The History Press (2012), 224 pages.

Wills & Probate

Using Wills After 1858 and First Avenue House by Audrey Collins; Pauline M. Litton (Editor); Federation of Family History Societies (Publications) (1998), Paperback, 16 pages.

Wills & Probate Records: A Guide for Family Historians (Readers Guides) by Karen Grannum and Nigel Taylor. National Archives of England (2009), Second edition; paperback, 160 pages.

Latin

Simple Latin For Family Historians by Eve McLaughlin. Aylesbury, Bucks. U.K.: Varneys Press, 1999; The McLaughlin Guides series; 29 pages.

Latin for Local and Family Historians by Denis Stuart. Andover, Hampshire; Phillimore & Co., Ltd. The History Press (2010), 144 pages.

A Latin glossary for family and local historians by Janet Morris. Birmingham, U.K.: Federation of Family History Societies, 1989; Reprinted with amendments 2002; 39 pages.

Military Records

Air Force Records: A Guide for Family Historians by William Spencer. The National Archives; Kew, Richmond, Surrey, U.K. (2008), 160 pages.

Army Records: A Guide for Family Historians by William Spencer. The National Archives; Kew, Richmond, Surrey, U.K. (2008), 168 pages.

Tracing Your Naval Ancestors by Bruno Pappalardo. Public Records office (The National Archives); Kew, Richmond, Surrey, U.K. (2003), 222 pages.

General Research and Reference

Discover English Census Records by Paul Milner. Australia: Unlock the Past; (2015); 56 pages.

BIRTH, MARRIAGE AND DEATH RECORDS: A Guide for Family Historians by David Annal and Audrey Collins. Pen and Sword (2012), paperback, 185 pages.

Marriage Law for Genealogists: The Definitive Guide ...what everyone tracing their family history needs to know about where, when, who and how their English and Welsh ancestors married by Rebecca Probert. Takeaway Publishing (2012); paperback, 162 pages.

Tracing Your Ancestors in the National Archives: The Website and Beyond by Amanda Bevan. The National Archives (2006), Seventh edition, 566 pages.

Tracing Your Pre-Victorian Ancestors: A Guide to Research Methods for Family Historians (Guide for Family Historians) by John Wintrip. Pen & Sword Family History (2017), 214 pages.

Tracing your ancestors from 1066 to 1837 : a guide for family historians by Jonathan Oates. Barnsley, South Yorkshire, UK: Pen & Sword Family History; 142 pages.

My Ancestor was in Service by Pamela Horn. Society of Genealogists Enterprises Ltd (2009).

Tracing Your British Ancestors (Chapman's Records Cameos Series) by Colin R. Chapman. LOCHIN PUBLISHING (1993), First edition; 108 pages.

Britain Then & Now: The Francis Frith Collection by Philip Ziegler. London: Orion Publishing Group (1999); Weidenfeld & Nicholson; 432 pages.

Genealogical Research in England and Wales: Vol 1 by David E. Gardner and Frank Smith. Salt Lake City: Bookcraft Publishers (1971), Edition: 9th Printing, Hardcover, 296 pages.

The Phillimore Atlas & Index of Parish Registers by Cecil R. Humphery-Smith. The History Press (2003), Third edition; hardcover, 320 pages.

The dictionary of genealogy; a guide to British ancestry research by Terrick V. H. FitzHugh. Totowa, N.J.: Barnes & Noble, 1985; 320 pages.

The Oxford guide to family history by David Hey. Oxford; New York: Oxford University Press, 1993; 256 pages.

The Record Interpreter: A Collection Of Abbreviations, Latin Words And Names Used In English Historical Manuscripts And Records by Charles Trice Martin. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company; reprinted for Clearfield Company 2007; originally published London, 1898; Second edition London, 1910; 464 pages.

A dictionary of old trades, titles and occupations by Colin Waters. Newbury: Countryside Books, 2005; 320 pages.

A dictionary of English place names by A. D. Mills. Oxford [England]; New York: Oxford University Press, 1991; 388 pages.

Tracing Your Insolvent Ancestors: A Guide for Family Historians (Tracing Your Ancestors) by Paul Blake. Barnsley, South Yorkshire: Pen & Sword Books Ltd (2015), 192 pages.

A beginner's guide to British and Irish genealogy by Chris Paton. St Agnes, S. Australia. Unlock the Past, 2016, 69 pages.

My Ancestor was an Agricultural Labourer (My Ancestor series) by Ian H. Waller. Society of Genealogists Enterprises Ltd; Second edition (2019), 286 pages.

Smart Family History: Fast-track Your Family Research by Geoff Swinfield. The National Archives; Kew, Richmond, Surrey, U.K. (2006), 250 pages.

Family History Companion: Fast-forward your family history search by Mark Pearsall. The National Archives; Kew, Richmond, Surrey, U.K. (2007), 250 pages.

Census: The Family Historian's Guide by Peter Christian and David Annal. Bloomsbury (2014); The National Archives; Second edition, 362 pages.

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