Advanced Methods & Reports

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.

There are two set books for this course: **Karen Cummings' *Genealogy Methods and Techniques: A Practical Guide to Research*** and **Helen Osborn's *Genealogy, Essential Research Methods*** and students are asked to obtain copies of both of these before the course starts.

Set text (compulsory reading):

- Cummings, Karen. *Genealogy Methods and Techniques: A Practical Guide to Research.* The Crowood Press, 2026.
- Osborn, Helen. *Genealogy, Essential Research Methods.* Robert Hale, London, 2012.

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. Some of these (Elder et al and Morgan et al) are primarily focused on US research, but the principles are the same.

Research methodology:

- Elder, Diana, Dyer, Nicole. *Research Like a Pro, A Genealogist's Guide.* Family Locket Books, 2018.
- Jones, Thomas W. *Mastering Genealogical Proof.* National Genealogical Society, 2013.
- Morgan, George G., Smith, Drew. *Advanced Genealogical Research Techniques*. McGraw-Hill Education, 2014.
- 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, 2019.

Laying out a family tree:

- Lynskey, Marie. *Family Trees, A Manual for their Design, Layout & Display.* Phillimore, 1996.
- McLaughlin, Eve. Laying *Out a Pedigree.* Federation of Family History Societies, 1988.
- Palgrave-Moore, Patrick. *How to record Your Family Tree.* 6th ed., Elvery Dowers, 1994.

Sources and source citations:

UK terminology

- McDonald, Ian G. *Referencing for Genealogists, Sources and Citation.* The History Press, 2018.

US terminology

- Jones, Thomas W. *Mastering Genealogical Documentation.* National Genealogical Society, Arlington, VA, 2017.
- Mills, Elizabeth Shown. *Evidence Explained, Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace.* 4th ed. Genealogical Publishing Company, 2024.

Standards:

- Board for Certification of Genealogists. *Genealogy Standards.* 2nd revised edition, Ancestry, 2021.