

Family History Books

A selection of books available to borrow from the Isle of Wight Library Service

Tracing your family history / Anthony Adolph 929.1072

Firmly practical in its approach, yet entertaining in style, this reference guide will be a useful companion for all who are seeking a reliable, one-source volume to use while tracking down family origins. There are tips on what to do when the trail runs cold, how to use the Internet and how to trace ancestors from outside Britain.

Easy family history: the stress-free guide to starting your research / David Annal 929.1072

This guide is for everyone interested in their ancestors whose research has not yet begun, or is in its early stages. David Annal introduces all the relevant sources of information in easy steps and most logical sequence, focusing on what you really need to know.

The family detective: discover your family history and bring your past to life / Nick Barratt 929.1072

Dealing with the world of genealogy, this book gives you almost everything you need to know to get cracking. It ranges from how to get started (talking to relatives, gathering clues, assembling a family tree), to accessing and understanding and understanding the main sources (certificates, censuses, probate and family registers).

The family history project: great, great stories / Nick Barratt 929.2094

The History Channel launched 'The Family History Project' on 1 September 2003, on the conviction that every family has a story to tell. Family historians nationwide were invited to share the tales of their ancestors. The response has been incredible and the entries relate a wealth of human experience. Here we present the very best.

Tracing your ancestors in the Public Record Office / Amanda Bevan 929.1

This text provides comprehensive guidance for all researchers, new or experienced, wishing to trace their forebears among the records of government held at the Public Record Office.

The complete guide to creating your own family tree / Paul Blake and Audrey Collins 929.1072

Making genealogy easy and accessible to everyone, this guide is packed with useful information and presents a common-sense approach, advising on everything from websites to war records, how to organise research and the joy of piecing it all together.

Who was your granny's granny?: how to grow your family tree / Paul Blake 929.1

This new guide refreshingly side-steps the uninspiring tasks of traditional genealogical research. Beginning with mapping the immediate family in clear, easy steps, it opens up the subject to every reader.

Track down your ancestors: and draw up your family tree / Estelle Catlett 929.107

The author shows readers how to trace their family history and find out more about their ancestors. Catlett explains how to gain information from the Registries of births, marriages and deaths; census returns; parish registers; Public Record Office; wills and probate records; old newspapers; and the internet.

Family history made easy: how to trace your family tree and find relatives in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales / Kathy Chater 929.1

Containing all the information needed to start a search for family roots, this book shows how to get access to records in libraries, institutions and government bodies so that a family tree can be produced.

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How to trace your family tree: in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales: the complete practical handbook for all detectives of family history / Kathy Chater 929.107

With clear and concise instructions on how to log and collate your family history research, and draw up a family tree, this title is a comprehensive guide to discovering your roots and unearthing the secrets of your ancestors in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

Tracing your family tree in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales: discover your roots and explore your family's history / Kathy Chater 929.1

Trying to find out about your lineage can be a daunting task. Where do you start? This reference work will answer all your questions and more. It takes you step-by-step through the whole process, from interviewing relatives to looking at old wills and church records.

The genealogist's Internet / Peter Christian 929.1

This is an introduction and guide to researching family history on the Internet. It starts by explaining how the Internet works for the beginner and continues by detailing sources of primary data available to family historians on line. Previous ed.: Richmond: Public Record Office, 2001

Tracing your family history / Stella Colwell 929.1

This text provides a guide to tracing family histories. It gives advice on planning research and establishing what information is required, as well as explaining how to interview relatives effectively and draw up a family tree. The new edition gives advice on how to use the Internet to its full potential. Previous ed.: 1997

Fat, bald and worthless: (the curious stories behind noble nicknames) / Robert Easton 929.4

Was Ethelred the Unready always late for breakfast? Was Ivan the Terrible simply impossible to live with? Exactly how often did Wilfrid the Shaggy get a haircut? These historical questions - and others - are explored in this investigation into the vainglorious, unfortunate, and insulting names that pepper the history books.

How to write your family history / Terrick Fitzhugh 929.1028

This practical guide offers advice on how to write your family history using your home computer.

Tracing your army ancestors / Simon Fowler 929.1

Whether you're interested in the career of an individual officers, researching medals awarded to a soldier or just want to know more about a particular battle or campaign, this book will point you in the right direction. The author describes resources available online as well as books and campaign histories.

Who do you think you are?: trace your family history back to the Tudors / Anton Gill and Nick Barratt 929.1072

Accompanying the third series of the award-winning BBC television series, this book gives the amateur genealogist the tools to trace their ancestors back over six centuries, taking them on a historical journey into the past.

Tracing your family roots: the complete problem solver / Lise Hull 929.1

Geared for both beginner genealogists and experienced family historians, this book guides the reader through all the processes, from the basics of identifying members of their family trees to the complexities of using historic records at home and abroad.

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- Tracing your family history / Imperial War Museum** 929.341
This guide is an invaluable source of information for anyone wishing to start tracing their family's military service history. It contains useful addresses, websites and a comprehensive bibliography.
- Family history on the move: where your ancestors went and why / Roger Kershaw and Mark Pearsall** 929.1
With mass migration and empire building during the 19th and 20th centuries, most family trees include people whose lives took often radical departures and who settled in new countries or regions of the British Isles. This book describes such movements into, within and out of the UK, and shows readers how to track down their mobile ancestors.
- The concise dictionary of surnames / Shelley Klein** 929.4203
Defining the meanings and derivations, as well as giving associated names, for over 2000 surnames, 'The Concise Dictionary of Surnames' answers that perennial question 'what's in a name?' Originally published: as Stufflebeem, Brockway and Sturt. 2002
- Haynes Internet genealogy manual / Kyle MacRae** 929.1028
The Internet is a fantastic resource for anybody trying to piece together a family history. In this book the author explores all the various options and how best to use them.
- @home with your ancestors.com: how to research family history using the Internet / Diane Marelli** 929.1
This volume is a thorough and practical resource book for tracing up to five generations of your family history - all without leaving your home.
- The complete guide to creating heritage scrapbooks / Memory Makers** 929.2
This title helps scrapbookers preserve precious family memories by guiding them through the process of researching their family history, protecting old photographs and memorabilia and creating scrapbooks that are likely to become family treasures.
- Tracing your ancestors: an illustrated guide to compiling your family tree / Christine M Morris** 929.1
This is a straightforward guide to the maze of archival material and records which can be used to rediscover the past. The CD-ROM shows how to create a personalised family tree
- Family skeletons: exploring the lives of our disreputable ancestors / Ruth Paley** 929.1
A comprehensive survey of the ancestors our families kept secret - from bastards to highwaymen to spies - this book includes over 40 dark histories, including thumbnail sketches of infamous lives such as Oscar Wilde and Harold Shipman.
- The Penguin dictionary of first names / David Pickering** 929.4403
This is a guide to the history and meaning of names. This reference is not just a list of different names, but takes the reader back to the historical roots of each name with their cultural, religious and artistic heritage helpfully explained. Previous ed.: 1999
- A dictionary of English surnames / Percy H Reaney** 929.4209
This comprehensive survey looks at the origins and development of 16,000 English surnames. Hey's appendix explains how to trace the origins of a name, and discover its current distribution, using sources of information available in the UK.

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Blood of the Isles: exploring the genetic roots of our tribal history / Bryan Sykes 929.1015

Based on cutting-edge research, Sykes talks about a DNA research programme, which tested over 10,000 DNA samples from across the UK with the aim of answering questions such as: What is the DNA make-up of the UK? Did the Vikings rape and pillage their way throughout Britain? What of the Normans, the Saxons or the Celts?

Genealogy online for dummies / by Jenny Thomas ... [et al.] 929.1

'Genealogy Online For Dummies' gives you expert guidance on how to start building your family tree, where to look for clues, how to discover the most useful websites and how to use and organise the information that you find.

Searching for surnames: a practical guide to their meanings and origins 929.4209

In an age when records were treated with suspicion and many people could not read or write it was common for surnames to be mis-spelt or even changed altogether. The comprehensive guide to the subject will be invaluable to all family historians.

Who do you think you are?: the essential guide to tracing your family history / Dan Waddell 929.1

Every person in the world is a part of history, but many of us do not know to what extent our family tree can be traced. This book explains how to carry out your own genealogy project, perhaps revealing family history that would otherwise have been overlooked.

Celebrity family trees: the world's most celebrated and scandalous dynasties / Ed Wright 929.2

Ed Wright introduces readers to the world's most important, celebrated and infamous families on an intimate level, exploring legendary stories about a variety of people, from the first ancestors and saints to the latest generation and its black sheep.

The Reference Library at Newport and the County Record Office also have a wide selection of books and other materials on family history available for consultation.