

Bibliography of Genealogy Reference Books

An abundance of print resources are available to help you get started researching your family history. This bibliography has been compiled as a guide to start you on your way. Many of these books are available at your local library, favorite bookseller, or online at www.amazon.com.



General How-to

Croom, Emily Anne. ***Unpuzzling Your Past: The Best-Selling Basic Guide to Genealogy***. ©2001. ISBN 1558705562.

The most popular book for beginning genealogists. This easy-to-read book covers all the basics to start you on your genealogy journey.

Croom, Emily Anne. ***Unpuzzling Your Past Workbook: Essential Forms and Letters for all Genealogists***. ©1996. ISBN 155870423x.

This book includes several dozen genealogical forms to help researchers keep track of their work. There are also illustrations of actual research demonstrating the forms in use and tips to help researchers write effective genealogy letters.

Eichholz, Alice. ***Ancestry's Red Book: American State, County, and Town Sources***, Third Revised Edition. ©2004. ISBN 1593311664.

County and town information, essential to researchers, presented in a state-by-state format. Most libraries with a moderate sized genealogy collection have this book in their stacks.

Greenwood, Val D. ***The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy***, Third Edition. ©2000. ISBN 0806316217.

An easy-to-read book that has become a classic among genealogy how-to books. While teaching the researcher the timeless principles of genealogical research, the book identifies the various classes of records used for research and how to locate and properly evaluate them.

Luebking, Sandra H. and Loretto Dennis Szucs, editors. ***The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy***, Third Edition. ©2006. ISBN 1593312776.

A valuable handbook to use as a guide to selecting, locating, and using appropriate primary and secondary sources. Novice genealogists will learn the foundations of genealogy research while expert genealogists will use the volume as a reference book. Each chapter is written by an expert in that particular area of genealogy research.

Melnyk, Marcia Yannizze. ***Genealogist's Question and Answer Book***. ©2002. ISBN 1558705902.

This handy guide provides the answers to more than 250 common questions pertaining to the methodology and execution of genealogical research and inquiry. The author answers questions about where to find genealogical records, why they were created, and how to read them once you find them. Questions are categorized to help you get details about a record set (vital, church, census, military, immigration, land, newspapers, and cemetery records as well as oral history and electronic topics).

Morgan, George G. ***How to do Everything with your Genealogy***, Second Edition. ©2009. ISBN 0071625348.

A great book for beginners and experts alike, it covers a broad range of genealogy research topics. Images and examples help to explain each topic thoroughly. If you can only afford to purchase one book, this is it.

Powell, Kimberly. ***The Everything Guide to Online Genealogy***. ©2008. ISBN 1598694979.

The author guides the reader through the web of information on the Internet pointing out pitfalls and offering practical advice along the way. Learn about what is and is not available online. Many record types are examined including obituaries, death certificates, census records, marriage records, wills, maps, immigration, and military records.

Rose, Christine. ***Genealogical Proof Standard: Building a Solid Case***, Third Edition. ©2009. ISBN 0929626192.

The genealogical proof standard is the standard by which the genealogy field judges the quality and completeness of research. It provides a system for sound and responsible genealogy research and helps the researcher to evaluate sources that don't agree or lends assistance when research leaves unanswered questions. This useful guide clearly sets forth the elements of this standard and how to apply it to resolve genealogy problems.

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Sourcing and Citations

Mills, Elizabeth Shown. ***Citing Ancestry.com Databases and Images Quicksheet***. ©2009. ISBN 0806317949.

A four-panel reference of citation models for sources found in Ancestry.com databases.

Mills, Elizabeth Shown. ***Evidence! Citation and Analysis for the Family Historian***. ©1997. ISBN 0806315431.

A handy reference for citing the most common sources used in the field of genealogy. Although every genealogist should have a copy of Elizabeth's *Evidence Explained*, there is value in this small volume as a ready reference tool.

Mills, Elizabeth Shown. ***Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace***. ©2007. ISBN 0806317817.

Evidence Explained is the definitive guide to the citation and analysis of historical sources. Learn the importance of citing sources through a myriad of examples. Citation models are provided for many sources not covered by classic citation guides.

Mills, Elizabeth Shown. ***Quicksheet for Citing Online Historical Resources***. ©2007. ISBN 0806317760.

A four-panel reference of citation models for common historical record types.



Organizing Your Papers and Files

Carmack, Sharon DeBartolo. ***Organizing Your Family History Search: Efficient and Effective Ways to Gather and Protect Your Genealogical Research***.

©1999. ISBN 1558705112.

Save time, money, and space as you learn how to organize everything from filing cabinets to research trips. Whether you have a whole room dedicated to your family history research or just a few storage boxes, you'll find a system that puts information right at your fingertips.

Dollarhide, William. ***Managing a Genealogical Project***. ©1999. ISBN 080631222x.

The author details a unique system of organization and takes you from the preliminary stage of your research to the final presentation of your work as a report or a book. This slim volume is easy to follow with examples from the author's personal research.

Fleming, Ann Carter. ***The Organized Family Historian: How to File, Manage, and Protect Your Genealogical Research and Heirlooms***. ©2004. ISBN 1401601294.

It's easy to become inundated with genealogy stuff (paper records, photographs, artifacts, notes, etc.). The key to the usefulness of the collection is in the organization to both preserve your family history and to help you put your hands on what you need when you need it.



Brickwall Busters

101 Brick Wall Busters: Solutions to Overcome Your Genealogical Challenges. ©2010. ISBN 144030890x.

Scale your brick wall with this compilation of experts' advice to *Family Tree Magazine's* readers. Beginning and veteran genealogists alike will benefit from the strategies offered.

500 Brickwall Solutions to Genealogy Problems. ©2003. ISBN 0973130318.

This collection of 500 brick wall solutions shows how genealogists and family historians have found ways around their research problems using the latest technology or tried and true research techniques, combined with logic and perseverance, to overcome their genealogy brick walls.

Croom, Emily Anne. **The Sleuth Book for Genealogists: Strategies for more Successful Family History Research.** ©2009. ISBN 0806317876.

Case studies and research examples throughout the book show genealogical "sleuths" in action using practical steps to solve research challenges. When the trail goes cold, grab this book.

More Brickwall Solutions to Genealogy Problems. ©2004. ISBN 0973130377.

Informative stories showing how genealogists and family historians have used innovative thinking and unorthodox research techniques, coupled with perseverance and the latest technology, to overcome their genealogy brick walls.

Pfeiffer, Laura Szucs. **Hidden Sources: Family History in Unlikely Places.** ©1999. ISBN 0916489868.

Discover facts about your ancestors in unexpected places with this directory of over one hundred little-known sources.

Rising, Marsha Hoffman. **Family Tree Problem Solver.** ©2005. ISBN 1558706852.

Help with breaking through brick walls for intermediate to advanced researchers. Using case studies and thorough explanations, genealogists learn to break through brick walls using problem solving techniques, tools, and methods.