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READING LIST

Course Title: Tracing your British Ancestors in Local History
Sources: 1538-2024

Location: Online, None

Term Dates: 23 Apr 2025 to 25 Jun 2025

Tutor: Charlotte Parsonson-Young

The reading list below was supplied by the course tutor.

If you have enrolled on a course starting in the autumn, you can become a borrowing member of the Rewley House library from 1st September. If you are enrolled on a course starting in other terms, you can become a borrowing member once the previous term has ended. For example, students starting in January can join the Library in early December and those starting in April can join in early March.

If you are planning to purchase any books, please keep in mind that courses with insufficient students enrolled will be cancelled. The Department accepts no responsibility for books bought in anticipation of a course running.

Preparatory Reading List

The items on this list are to give you some background to the materials and ideas that we will be covering on the course.

Author	Title
Barratt, Nick	<i>Nick Barratt's Guide to Your Ancestors' Lives: A Guide for Family Historians</i>
Evans, Tanya	<i>Family history, historical consciousness and citizenship: a new social history</i>
Lynch, Claire	<i>'Who Do You Think You Are?' Intimate Pasts Made Public (Biography, Vol 34, No 1 (Winter 2011), pp. 108-18)</i>

Course Reading List

The items on this list are to support your learning while you are taking the course.

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- Campbell-Kelly, Martin *Information Technology and Organizational Change in the British Census, 1901-1911 (Information Systems Research, Vol 7, No 1 (March 1996), pp. 22-36)*
- Cannell, Fenella *English ancestors: the moral possibilities of popular genealogy (The Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute, Vol 17, No 3 (Sept 2011), pp. 462-80)*
- Carmack, Sharon
DeBartolo *Family History Narrative: Genealogy Finds Creative Nonfiction (Creative Nonfiction, No 41 (Spring 2011), pp. 66-68)*
- Evans, Tanya *Secrets and Lies: the Radical Potential of Family History (History Workshop Journal, No 71 (spring 2011), pp. 49-73)*
- Finlay, R A P *The Accuracy of the London Parish Registers, 1580-1653 (Population Studies, Vol 32, No 1 (March 1978), pp. 95-112)*
- Fitzsimmons, Fiona *Is Family History 'Real' History? (History Ireland, Vol 21, No 5 (Sep/Oct 2013), p. 49)*
- Higgs, Edward and
Wilkinson, Amanda *Women, Occupations and Work in the Victorian Censuses Revisited (History Workshop Journal, No 81 (Spring 2016), pp. 17-38)*
- Keibek, Sebastian A J
and Shaw-Taylor, Leigh *Early modern rural by-employments: a re-examination of the probate inventory evidence (The Agricultural History Review, Vol 61, No 2 (2013), pp. 244-81)*
- Newman, Simon P *The Black community (Chapter 2 of 'Freedom Seekers: Escaping from Slavery in Restoration London' (2022))*
- Razi, Z *Manorial Court Rolls and Local Population: An East Anglian Case Study (The Economic History Review, Vol 49, No 4 (Nov 1996), pp. 758-63)*