

Genealogy: Researching Your Family Tree

Week 1: Family History Research Basics

Lisa Louise Cooke's Genealogy Gems: Genealogy Made Easy Podcast

<http://lisalouisecooke.com/family-history-podcast/>

A freely available step-by-step series for beginning genealogists. Includes audio files and text online. A great introduction to doing family history research.

FamilySearch.org. Family History for Beginners.

https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Family_History_for_Beginners

This page provides links to articles about basic principles of family history research.

CyndisList – free printable Family Group Sheets (FGS) and family trees

<http://www.cyndislist.com/free-stuff/printable-charts-and-forms/>

Free resources from CydisList, a website which lists free genealogy sites on the internet

Dan Burrows' Genealogical Glossary.

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nsdigby/lists/glossary.htm>

A useful list of genealogical terms. [When this URL was checked – RootsWeb was offline for updating and revision by its host, Ancestry. I've left it on this list as hopefully this site will come back online soon.]

Genealogy Quest: Glossary of Terms

<http://genealogy-quest.com/glossary-terms/>

A variety of different glossaries useful for genealogists. General genealogical terms, older names for diseases, relationship terms and more.

Importance of knowing the history of a source

Gauthier, Jason. (2002) *Measuring America: the decennial censuses from 1790 to 2000*. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Census Bureau.

<http://www.census.gov/prod/2002pubs/pol02-ma.pdf>

A document setting out in detail what US census enumerators were to do in each of the censuses from 1790 to 2000.

FamilySearch.org. Family history research wiki.

https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Main_Page

Includes thousands of articles on records from various countries giving their history and tips on where to find them.

Herber, Mark. (2005) *Ancestral trails: the complete guide to British genealogy and family history*. 2nd edition. Stroud, UK: The History Press.

http://www.amazon.co.uk/Ancestral-Trails-Complete-British-Genealogy/dp/0750941987/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1454928229&sr=1-1&keywords=mark+herber&tag=futur-stra-21

An in depth look at British sources and research though the focus is primarily on English sources.

Probert, Rebecca. (2012) *Marriage law for genealogists: the definitive guide*. Kenilworth, UK: Takeaway Publishing.

http://www.amazon.co.uk/Marriage-Law-Genealogists-Definitive-ancestors/dp/0956384714/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1454928229&sr=1-1&keywords=rebecca+probert&tag=futur-stra-21

Explains marriage law in England and Wales only but a truly fascinating and useful book.

What are transcriptions, abstracts and indexes?

Free UK Genealogy Project

<http://www.freeukgenealogy.org.uk/about/volunteer/>

People working together to transcribe and make freely available the UK censuses, civil BMD indexes and parish registers. Volunteers are given training and support and are very welcome.

FamilySearch.org Indexing Project

<https://familysearch.org/indexing/>

This project covers documents from around the world and bi- or multi-lingual transcribers are most welcome. There is good online support and a wealth of training videos available.

Ancestry's World Archives Project

<http://community.ancestry.co.uk/awap>

The World Archives Project involves records from around the world and creates freely accessible searchable indexes.

Scottish Indexes

www.scottishindexes.com

Week 2: Effective Searching Techniques

How to analyse a research problem?

Savetz Publishing. Family tree templates.

<http://www.familytreetemplates.net/>

Includes a wide range of commonly used family tree templates which you can download for free.

Society of Genealogists. Hints & Tips Fifteen: Fact or Fiction? How to Analyse Your Research.

http://www.sog.org.uk/uploads/Leaflets_and_Tips_PDFs/6_Hints_and_Tips_Analyzing_Your_Research_Putting_it_All_Together_new_style.pdf

A useful article on ways to analyse your research.

Tennant, Amy Bowser. *Analyze Genealogy Records Like a Pro: For the Beginner.*

<http://www.thegenealogyreporter.com/analyze-genealogy-records/>

A beginner's guide to investigating a record and its contents.

What is an effective search?

AncestorSearch. Tips for using Google in genealogy searches.

<http://www.searchforancestors.com/google/searchtips.html>

Cyndi's List of genealogy sites on the Internet.

<http://www.cyndislist.com/>

A website containing links to websites of interest to genealogists. An amazing resource.

Meyerink, Kory. Ancestry.com LIVE @ RootsTech 2012: Effective Database Search Tactics. [YouTube video]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0fmut9L-jmU>

A presentation done in 2012 at RootsTech (a yearly conference focusing on genealogy and technology held in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA).

University of California Berkeley Library. *(2012) Research-quality web searching tutorial.*

<http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/TeachingLib/Guides/Internet/FindInfo.html>

Different ways to approach research questions

Ron Arons: Interactive Isaac Spier mindmap

<http://www.ronarons.com/isaac-spier-mindmap/>

An example of the use of mind maps in genealogical research. This page contains an interactive version of a mind map that shows the documents and information collected regarding Ron's great-grandfather, Isaac Spier.

Biggerplate: What is Mind Mapping?

<http://www.biggerplate.com/info/what-is-mind-mapping.aspx>

An article explaining what mind mapping is generally and how to go about it. Contains some useful images.

Drusilla Pair. (10 November 2010) *Find your folks [blog]: break down your brick walls with location based genealogy*

<http://findyourfolks.blogspot.co.uk/2010/11/breaking-down-brick-walls-with-location.html>

Links to three workshops on location based genealogy conducted by Mr Bernie Gracy during the 2010 Atlanta Family History Expo.

Genealogy Explained. (2018) *Cluster Research – Start Your FAN Club!*

<https://www.genealogyexplained.com/research/cluster-fan-club/>

An article explaining the FAN club and how it works in practice. It includes examples on how you might use the FAN club to help solve family history problems.

Exploring names: spelling issues and name changes

Bristol Centre for Linguistics. Family Names of the United Kingdom (FaNUK) Project.

<http://www1.uwe.ac.uk/cahe/research/bristolcentreforlinguistics/researchatbcl/fanuk.aspx>

A fascinating project doing a detailed investigation of the linguistic origins, history, and geographical distribution of the 60,000 most frequent surnames in Britain and Ireland.

Guild of One Name Studies.

<http://one-name.org/>

An organization supporting surname research worldwide. A one name study researches all occurrences of a surname and does not just focus on one family or geographical location.

Matthiesen, Diana. Spelling for genealogists

<http://dgmweb.net/Ancillary/OnE/Spelling.html>

Public Profiler. World name profiler.

<http://worldnames.publicprofiler.org/>

A tool which maps the frequency of surnames across the world.

WeRelate. Variant names database.

<http://www.werelate.org/wiki/Special:Names>

A database giving variations of first and surnames.

Kennett, Debbie. (2012) *The Surnames handbook: a guide to family name research in the 21st century*.

http://www.amazon.co.uk/Surnames-Handbook-Family-Research-Century/dp/0752468626/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1454928521&sr=1-1&keywords=Kennett%2C+Debbie&tag=futur-stra-21

This book provides a comprehensive guide to researching your surname. It will take you through the available resources both online and offline to enable you to understand the origins, meaning, evolution, frequency and distribution of your surname.

Using wildcards to search databases

Seaver, Randy. (September 3, 2013) *Ancestry.com "New Search" results with wild card names*. Genea-Musings blog.

<http://www.geneamusings.com/2013/09/ancestrycom-new-search-results-with.html>

Anderson, Steve. (April 10, 2014) *Searching with wildcards in FamilySearch*. *FamilySearch blog* [written and submitted by Phil Dunn and Susan Burleson].

<https://familysearch.org/blog/en/searching-wildcards-familysearch-2/>

Vornlocker, Bob. (no date) *How wildcard searches can uncover ancestors*. Family History Daily newsletter.

<http://familyhistorydaily.com/family-history/how-wildcard-searches-uncover-ancestors/>

Searching genealogy databases

Wikipedia. *Fuzzy matching definition*.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fuzzy_matching_%28computer-assisted_translation%29

United States Census Bureau. (2016) *Soundex*.

https://www.census.gov/history/www/genealogy/decennial_census_records/soundex_1.html

A short guide to the Soundex system, its history and what it does. A few links to Soundex converters are supplied.

Week 3: Using Major Source Types

Civil records

FamilySearch.org. Family History Research Wiki.

https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Main_Page

Thousands of articles on records from various countries giving their history and tips on where to find them

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Where to write for vital records [USA].

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w.htm>

Information on where to find vital records across the United States. Gives starting dates for registration in different states. Does not focus on where records can be accessed online.

Religious records

Christians Together: Presbyterianism Scottish style.

http://www.christianstogether.net/Articles/138977/Christians_Together_in/Christian_Life/Presbyterianism_Scottish_style.aspx

An article on the history of the Scottish Presbyterian church and its dizzying number of splits and re-combinations. A handy chart can be found at the end of the article.

JewishGen

<http://www.jewishgen.org/>

A free website that features thousands of databases and other resources dedicated to helping people with Jewish ancestry research and find family members.

FamilySearch.org. Family History Research Wiki.

https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Main_Page

Thousands of articles on records from various countries giving their history and tips on where to find them.

National Archives (Great Britain). Research guides: non-conformists

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/nonconformists/>

This guide may be useful if you are tracing ancestors who did not belong to the Church of England, particularly between the late 17th and early 19th centuries.

Census records

FamilySearch.org. Family History Research Wiki.

https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Main_Page

Thousands of articles on records from various countries giving their history and tips on where to find them.

National Archives of Iceland. Census database: on specific censuses.

<http://www.manntal.is/efni/upplysingar/um-hvert-manntal>

Information on the census of Iceland held in 1703 with sample images of the census. The website also covers later censuses; 1835-1920. The site is in English.

Gauthier, Jason. (2002) Measuring America: the decennial censuses from 1790 to 2000. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Census Bureau.

<http://www.census.gov/prod/2002pubs/pol02-ma.pdf>

A document setting out in detail what US census enumerators were to do in each of the censuses from 1790 to 2000.

Exploring church and military records

Mitchell Library: Evening Times WWI Roll of Honour

<http://www.glasgowfamilyhistory.org.uk/ExploreRecords/Pages/Evening-Times-Roll-of-Honour.aspx>

A brief guide to the Glasgow Evening Times Roll of Honour of WWI personnel reported wounded or missing. Includes downloadable .pdf copies of the indexes. If the site asks you for a user name and password, just click on the cancel button and you will be taken to the site.

Using archives, libraries and historical or family history societies

Bunker Family Association

<https://www.bunkerfamilyassn.org/>

American Jewish Historical Society

<http://www.ajhs.org/>

Society of Australian Genealogists

<https://www.sag.org.au/>

Historical Society of Pennsylvania

<http://hsp.org/>

Archives Canada

<http://www.archivescanada.ca/>

Jewish Genealogy Society of Long Island

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUV8xttIn93AwJX2_I0AIAg/feed

A really useful collection of videos explaining a variety of genealogical topics from '6 tips to find maiden names' to '10 tips for successful oral interviews'.

ArchivesHub

<https://archiveshub.jisc.ac.uk/>

An online search tool looking at thousands of collections held at over 300 archives across the United Kingdom.

Cyndi'sList. Societies and groups.

<http://www.cyndislist.com/societies/>

An A-Z listing of websites for historical and family history societies located around the world.

Federation of Family History Societies.

<http://www.ffhs.org.uk/index.php>

An English based federation of family history societies but with a large number of internationally based society members. You can access a list of societies which are members and find their contact details.

Society of American Archivists. Associated organizations & associations.

<https://www2.archivists.org/assoc-orgs>

Links to a directory of archives in the US and Canada as well as international archives and allied professions.

Military records

FamilySearch.org. Family history research wiki.

https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Main_Page

Thousands of articles on records from various countries giving their history and tips on where to find them.

National Archives (Great Britain). Research guides: military and maritime.

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/?research-category=military-and-maritime>

Articles on records available at the National Archives and other archives from the various branches of the British armed forces and links to records available online.

OliveTree Genealogy. Finding soldiers and other military ancestors in your family tree.

<http://www.olivetreegenealogy.com/mil/>

Focusing on Canada and the USA; gives background on many conflicts and links to useful resources.

Which genealogy database should I use?

- *Ancestry* - <http://www.ancestry.com/>
- *Family Search* - <https://familysearch.org/>
- *FindMyPast* - <http://www.findmypast.co.uk/>
- *MyHeritage* - <https://www.myheritage.com/>
- *Scotland's People* - <http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/>
- *Free BMD* - <http://www.freebmd.org.uk/>
- *Free REG* - <http://www.freereg.org.uk/>
- *Free CEN* - <http://www.freecen.org.uk/>
- *The Arizona Department of Health Services* - <http://genealogy.az.gov/>
- *New South Wales Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages* - <http://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au/>
- *Naval & Military Archive* - <http://www.nmarchive.com/>
- *Sugar refiners & sugarbakers database* - <http://www.mawer.clara.net/intro.html>
- *Ellen Terry Archive STAR* - <http://www.ellenterryarchive.hull.ac.uk/star>

- *Black sheep ancestors* - <http://www.blacksheepancestors.com/>
- *Our criminal ancestors* - <https://ourcriminalancestors.org/>
- *Sunny Morton's Big 4 (Ancestry, FindMyPast, FamilySearch and MyHeritage) video from RootsTech 2017* - <https://www.rootstech.org/videos/sunny-morton>

Links from the optional weekly task

Library and Archives of Canada: Soldiers of the First World War: 1914-1918 database.

<http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/military-heritage/first-world-war/personnel-records/Pages/search.aspx>

Search Canadian personnel records from the First World War on this free database.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

<https://www.cwgc.org/>

Freely searchable database of war dead (military personnel and civilians) from the Commonwealth from the First and Second World Wars. Also includes images of cemeteries and memorials from around the world.

Link from the 'What's in a name?: 'Land and Sea' story

National Library of Scotland Map Library. Explore Georeferenced Maps help page.

<http://maps.nls.uk/geo/explore/help.html>

Week 4: Genealogical Proof and DNA Testing

The importance of establishing proof and the Genealogical Proof Standard

Society of Genealogists (British): Standards and Good Practice in Genealogy

<http://www.sog.org.uk/learn/education-sub-page-for-testing-navigation/hints-tips-six-standards-and-good-practice-in-genealogy/>

A list of principles the Society deems to be essential in the conduct of acceptable genealogical research.

Thomas W. Jones. *Skill building: The Genealogical Proof Standard: How Simple Can It Be?*

<https://bcgcertification.org/skillbuilding-the-genealogical-proof-standard-how-simple-can-it-be/>

An article from OnBoard, the newsletter of the Board for Certification of Genealogists. Gives examples of written conclusions.

Lisa Louise Cooke's Genealogy Gems: *Family History Episode 23 – Using the Genealogical Proof Standard*

http://lusalouisecooke.com/2014/03/fh23_genealogical_proof_standard/

A podcast and related materials putting the GPS into concrete action with an example from the author's own research.

American Society of Genealogists (1960) *Genealogical research methods and sources*.

<https://archive.org/details/genealogicalrese00amer>

A digitised copy of this seminal book.

How autosomal DNA testing can help genealogists

Autosomal DNA - ISOGG Wiki

https://isogg.org/wiki/Autosomal_DNA

Information on autosomal DNA and testing. Includes a video by Maurice Gleeson explaining the uses of autosomal testing.

Debbie Kennett: Autosomal DNA demystified

https://youtu.be/BMrD_wr1Bbk

A video presentation given by Debbie Kennett at Who Do You Think You Are Live in Birmingham, April 2017. Debbie explains the basics of autosomal DNA testing and provides a practical approach to dealing with your matches and interpreting your results.

Genetics and genealogy: Y chromosome inheritance

International Society of Genetic Genealogy Wiki. Y chromosome DNA tests.

http://isogg.org/wiki/Y_chromosome_DNA_tests

An article on the use of Y-chromosome DNA testing and how to understand test results. Includes many links to other resources.

Genetic genealogy: practical applications

Family Tree DNA: reading and comparing DNA test results

<https://www.familytreedna.com/reading-and-comparing-test-results.aspx>

GEDmatch

<https://www.gedmatch.com/login1.php>

Provides DNA and genealogical analysis tools for amateur and professional researchers and genealogists.

DNA testing prices and other comparative information

<http://thednageek.com/dna-tests/>

A list of current testing prices and some comparative information about DNA testing companies here.

Finding out more about genetic genealogy

Debbie Kennett. Cruwys news [blog]

<https://cruwys.blogspot.co.uk/>

A blog by genetic genealogy expert Debbie Kennett exploring, 'The day-to-day activities of the Cruwys/Cruse one-name study with occasional diversions into other topics of interest such as DNA testing and personal genomics.'

Blaine Bettinger. The Genetic Genealogist [blog]

<http://thegeneticgenealogist.com/>

A blog by genetic genealogy expert Blaine Bettinger. He examines, 'the intersection of traditional genealogical techniques and modern genetic research, more commonly known as "genetic genealogy."'

International Society of Genetic Genealogy (ISOGG)

<https://isogg.org/>

ISOGG was founded to promote the use of DNA testing in genealogy. Its webpage contains a wiki holding many articles on DNA testing and other issues on the topic of genetic genealogy. There is a specific section for beginners and a forum is available for ISOGG members.

ISOGG wiki: list of DNA testing companies.

http://www.isogg.org/wiki/List_of_DNA_testing_companies

Provides a list of DNA testing companies offering direct-to-consumer DNA tests for genealogy, deep ancestry and biogeographical ancestry.

McGee, Dean. *Y-Utility: Y-DNA Comparison Utility, FTDNA 111 Mode BETA*.

<http://www.mymcgee.com/tools/yutility111.html>

A free to use tool to help you compare DNA test results.

Debbie Kennett: *DNA for beginners, the 3 tests*.

<https://youtu.be/b9RyoEVDG7o>

A YouTube video originally presented at the WhoDoYouThinkYouAreLive event in 2015. A look at the three main tests that can be used for genealogical research – Y-chromosome, mitochondrial and autosomal DNA testing. Debbie explains what these tests can and can't tell you, and provides practical examples of how to use the tests based on her own research.

Books:

Debbie Kennett. (2011) *DNA and social networking: a guide to genealogy in the twenty-first century*. Dublin: The History Press.

http://www.amazon.co.uk/DNA-Social-Networking-Genealogy-Twenty-first-ebook/dp/B0078XHAGO/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1454928852&sr=1-1&keywords=DNA+and+social+networking%3A+a+guide+to+genealogy+in+the+twenty-first+century&tag=futura-21

George Redmonds, Turi King, and David Hey. (2011) *Surnames, DNA, and Family History*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

http://www.amazon.co.uk/Surnames-Family-History-George-Redmonds/dp/0198736487/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1454928917&sr=1-1&keywords=Surnames%2C+DNA%2C+and+Family+History&tag=futura-21

Smolenyak, Megan and Turner, Ann. (2005) *Trace your roots with DNA*. Emmaus, Pa.: Rodale.

http://www.amazon.co.uk/Trace-Your-Roots-Megan-Smolenyak/dp/1594860068/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1454929221&sr=1-1&keywords=Trace+your+roots+with+DNA&tag=futura-21

Week 5: Putting Your Research into Context

Using local and general histories: the process of adding context

Statistical Accounts of Scotland. Edinburgh: Church of Scotland's Committee of the Society for the Sons and Daughters of the Clergy.

<http://stataccscot.edina.ac.uk/static/statacc/dist/home>

Connected Histories: Local history: a research guide

<http://www.connectedhistories.org/guide.aspx?a=4>

Provides access to a large number of sources for British local history from the 16th to the 19th century.

Library of Congress: Local History and Genealogy Reference Services

<https://www.loc.gov/rr/genealogy/>

This page contains links to online and physical sources listing local and other histories.

How maps and photographs can bring your family history to life

Virtual Mitchell: digitised images of Glasgow's history

<http://www.mitchelllibrary.org/virtualmitchell/index.php>

These photographs feature Glasgow's buildings and streets as well as people going about their daily lives. Can be freely accessed. Photographs featured in the video can be found here.

National Library of Scotland: Map Images

<http://maps.nls.uk/>

The National Library of Scotland's Map Library's website makes high resolution, zoomable maps of England, Scotland, Wales and beyond freely available. There are over 130,000 maps available from Ordnance Survey maps to Admiralty charts. A truly invaluable resource with an easy to use interface.

David Rumsey Map Collection

<http://www.davidrumsey.com/home>

This privately owned historical map collection has over 86,000 maps and images freely available online. The collection spans the 16th to the 21st century and covers all areas of the globe.

Library of Congress: Maps and Photograph Collections

<https://www.loc.gov/>

From the Library of Congress' home page, there are direct links to their digitised maps and images collections. A wide range of maps are available from transportation maps to Civil War maps and the images available include those of individuals, architecture and cartoon prints. A fascinating source!

U.S. Geological Survey: Using maps in genealogy

<https://www.census.gov/history/pdf/mapsgenealogy.pdf>

An article explaining how maps can be useful for genealogists. Includes a wide range of useful sources for further information.

A deeper look at contextual sources

Cyndi'sList: Directories, city, county, address, etc.

<http://www.cyndislist.com/directories/general/?page=1>

A list of links to sites that contain digitised directories; mainly includes American sources though other countries are represented.

National Library of Scotland: Scottish Post Office directories

<http://digital.nls.uk/directories/>

This website contains over 700 freely accessible digitised directories covering most of Scotland, dating from 1773 to 1911. These directories list people by name, address and occupation and usually contain maps, advertisements and information on local government and organisations.

University of Illinois Library: Using newspapers & magazines as primary sources

<http://guides.library.illinois.edu/periodicals>

A self-guided tutorial on using newspapers and magazines as primary sources for historical research. This tutorial is written for history students but the concepts presented apply equally to genealogists. Also discussed here are the advantages and disadvantages of working with digitally created images of print newspapers.

Library of Congress: Chronicling America: digitised newspaper database

<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>

This is a website providing a searchable database of U.S. newspaper pages with descriptive information. Newspapers from 1789-1963 representing a range of states are freely available to search and view.

The British Newspaper Archive

<http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/>

A pay per view database working in partnership with the British Library to digitise the Library's newspaper collection and make it available online. Newspapers from across the British Isles (including Ireland) are included and more are added every month.

Google News Archive.

<https://news.google.com/newspapers>

Digitized newspapers from around the world freely available to search and browse through Google.

Finding primary sources for context

- USA.gov: Libraries and Archives - <https://www.usa.gov/libraries>
- FamilySearch's wiki's list of archives and libraries in New Zealand - https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/New_Zealand_Archives_and_Libraries

- New York City Public Library's digital collection - <http://digitalcollections.nypl.org/>
- New York Heritage Digital Collections - <http://www.nyheritage.org/>

Digital Public Library of America

<http://dp.la/>

A portal that brings together the digital collections America's libraries, archives, and museums, and makes them freely available to the world.

National Library of Australia's Trove website

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/>

Free access to over 585 million books, images, historic newspapers, maps, music, archive collections. An amazing resource.

Canadiana: Online collections from Canada's archives

<http://www.canadiana.ca/en/home>

Provides access to around 40 million pages from some of Canada's most popular archival collections. Covers the period from the 1600s to the mid-1900s and materials are being added all the time.

ArchivesHub

<https://archiveshub.jisc.ac.uk/>

UK based digital collections of images, texts, sounds recordings and more from a variety of providers.

Europeana Collections

<http://www.europeana.eu/portal/en>

An online portal offering quick and easy access to more than 57 million digitised items from over 2,500 of Europe's cultural heritage institutions.

Finding and evaluating secondary sources for context

WorldCat - <https://www.worldcat.org/> is called the world's largest library catalogue and you can search for items located at more than 10,000 libraries worldwide.

HathiTrust - <https://www.hathitrust.org/> is a partnership of academic & research institutions, offering access to millions of titles digitised from libraries around the world.

Other digital libraries are: the InternetArchive – <https://archive.org> and GoogleBooks - <https://books.google.co.uk/>

JSTOR - <http://www.jstor.org/> is an online collection of digitised journals (scholarly magazines) which includes many items of historical and genealogical interest.

PERSI - <http://search.findmypast.co.uk/search/periodical-source-index> is an index to genealogical and local history articles written from the early 1800s to the current day.

FamilySearch.org: PERSI article

https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Periodical_Source_Index_%28PERSI%29

An article on using PERSI.

JSTOR for genealogists

<https://guides.jstor.org/genealogy>

Information on JSTOR and its use by genealogists. Includes a free eight-part series called The Genealogy Factor on unearthing discoveries to provide context and clarity for anyone tracing their past, by D. Joshua Taylor. Taylor is a professional genealogist and co-host of the popular American television series 'Genealogy Roadshow'.

University of California Berkeley Library. (2012) Evaluating web pages: techniques to apply & questions to ask tutorial.

<http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/TeachingLib/Guides/Internet/Evaluate.html>

A short tutorial on how to evaluate information found on the internet with many tips that can be used for material found in any format.

The National Library of Jamaica: Evaluating primary and secondary sources, an online tutorial

<https://www.nlj.gov.jm/rai/CSEC/Evaluating%20Primary%20and%20Secondary%20Sources.pdf>

A pdf document which walks the reader through how to assess primary and secondary sources for bias, reliability and authority.

Week 6: Documenting and Communicating Your Research Results and Sources

Genealogy software and cloud based tools

Specialist tools

- CLOOZ - <https://clooz.com/>
- Family Tree Analyser - <http://ftanalyzer.com/>
- Genelines - <https://progenygenealogy.com/products/timeline-charts.aspx>
- ResearchTies - <https://researchties.com/>

GenSoftReviews: all the genealogy software, reviewed and rated by you - <http://www.gensoftreviews.com/>

Great website with up to date reviews on loads of genealogy software packages. Reviews are added by users and you can filter your search by free/purchase/subscription packages; by Windows/Mac/Unix or handheld device software; by overall rating and more.

A focus on reports and charts

Thoughtco.com: Introduction to genealogy, recording names, places and dates. -

<https://www.thoughtco.com/properly-record-names-in-genealogy-4083357>

This short course on genealogy includes three lessons on recording conventions for names, places and dates.

Thoughtco.com: How to Handle Adoption in the Family Tree

<https://www.thoughtco.com/handling-adoption-in-the-family-tree-1421622>

A short article with linked examples discussing how to combine your adopted family with your birth family on the same family tree.

Cyndi'sList: Free stuff, printable charts and forms. –

<http://www.cyndislist.com/free-stuff/printable-charts-and-forms/>

An extensive list of links to webpages which contain freely downloadable charts and forms from across the world.

Society of Genealogists: writing research reports.

<http://www.sog.org.uk/learn/education-sub-page-for-testing-navigation/hints-and-tips-sixteen-writing-genealogical-reports/>

A short article on how to write a variety of family history reports such as research reports, proof summaries and narrative family histories.

Documenting your sources through the use of references

Elizabeth Shown Mills. Evidence Explained: Historical Analysis, Citation & Source Usage website –

<https://www.evidenceexplained.com/>

This website discusses Mills' book of the same title and provides freely accessible 'quick guides' and many models from the book.

University of Strathclyde PG Programme in Genealogical Studies' Course Referencing Guide –
<https://www.strath.ac.uk/studywithus/centreforlifelonglearning/genealogy/genealogyresources/>

Scroll down the page to see a link to a freely accessible .pdf version of the referencing guide created for use on the PG programme. Focuses on British sources and includes many examples.

Robert Raymond. FamilySearch Wiki: Citation Baby Steps -
https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Citation_Baby_Steps

The syllabus and materials for a class focusing on the recording of citations (or referencing).

Organising, sharing and safeguarding your research and records

Sharing your research online

Tools for personal websites or blogs focused on your family tree:

- Genealone – <http://genealone.com/>
- Webtrees - <https://www.webtrees.net/index.php/en/>
- WordPress - <https://wordpress.com/>

Internet based software hosted by the user on their own website:

- The Next Generation (TNG) - <http://www.tngsitebuilding.com/>

Tools for sharing family stories and images:

- Our Family Past - <https://www.ourfamilypast.com/home>
- Famberry - <http://www.famberry.com/>

Kimberly Powell: Blogging Your Family History Search.

<https://www.thoughtco.com/blogging-your-family-history-search-1422312>

A short article on how to use a blog to write about family history.

GeneaBloggersTRIBE: Blogging resources

<http://geneabloggerstribes.com/resources/>

An introduction to the world of genealogy blogs with lots of links to resources.

Safeguarding your research and records

Cloud based storage organisations:

- BackBlaze – <https://www.backblaze.com/>
- DropBox - <https://www.dropbox.com/>

Dick Eastman's newsletter: *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter* - <https://blog.eogn.com/>

Library of Congress: Personal Digital Archive Preservation

<http://digitalpreservation.gov/personalarchiving/>

Lots of information on how to preserve your own digital materials, includes videos and articles on the topic.

North East Document Conservation Center

<https://www.nedcc.org/free-resources/preserving-private-and-family-collections/caring-for-private-and-family-collections>

Advice on caring for private and family collections with a focus on making small changes in storage and handling which can have a huge impact on the lifespan of the materials.

State Library Victoria: Conservation Guides

<http://www.slv.vic.gov.au/help/conservation-guides>

A series of information guides to help you care for and conserve your books, newspapers, artworks, paper documents and photographs, created by the conservation experts of the State Library in Melbourne, Australia.

Organizing your documents and research

Janine Adams: [blog] Organize your family history.

<https://organizeyourfamilyhistory.com/>

A blog written by a professional organizer and 'genealogy enthusiast'.

Mary E. V. Hill: The FamilyRoots Organizer Color-Coding System

<http://www.genrootsorganizer.com/p/lessons.html>

Organizes branches of the family by colour.

Sarah O'Connor: Organizing Your Genealogy Documents

<http://geneartistry.com/organizing-your-documents/>

A no-nonsense system encompassing digital and physical documents using the type of record as a focus.

Creating a clear and meaningful family history

Lisa Alzo: presentation slides including 'Write your family history step by step'

<http://www.lisaalzo.com/category/conference-handouts/>

Freely available slides from a number of presentations given by Lisa Alzo (a writer and genealogist) on a number of topics. A main focus is family history writing and self-publishing.

Lynn Palermo (The Armchair Genealogist): research and write your family history [blog]

<http://www.thearmchairgenealogist.com/p/ultimate-guide-to-writing-family.html>

A blog by Lynn Palermo that covers lots of issues around writing your family history. She includes tips on interviewing family members and blogging as well.

Writing a family history

Nancy and Biff Barnes. StoriesToTellBooks.com blog - <http://www.storiestotellbooks.com/blog/>

Penny Stratton. Writing and Publishing Your Family History.

<http://www.americanancestors.org/education/learning-resources/read/writing-publishing>

A guide and webinar from the publishing director at the New England Historic Genealogical Society.

Yvette Hoitink. (1 April 2016) *Seven Tips for Writing a Family History*. [blog]

<http://www.dutchgenealogy.nl/seven-tips-for-writing-a-family-history/>

Seven practical tips for writing a narrative family history.

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