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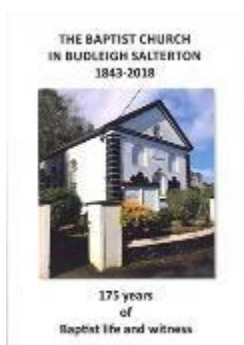
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Researching Adoption: An Essential Guide to Tracing Birth Relatives and Ancestors (Karen Bali)

This is a guide for anyone who wants to research an adoption in the family. If you were adopted, adoption relates to someone in your family or an ancestor was adopted, this guide can help. It examines methods resources for researching family mysteries deep in the past plus ideas, advice and guidance for linking up with birth relatives. Packed with useful information, Researching Adoption is a must for anyone who wants to discover where they came from and more about their genetic heritage.

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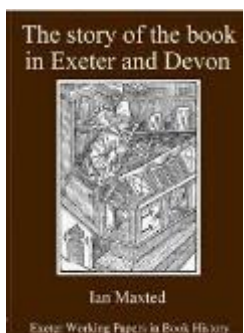
The Baptist Church in Budleigh Salterton 1843-2018 (Graham Wise)

There have been Baptist Christians in Budleigh Salterton since the early years of the nineteenth century, and possibly even earlier. Little is known of these early East Devon Baptists – who they were, where they lived or how they earned a living – except that they began by worshipping with the Methodists who were themselves new to the town.

They soon formed a coherent group and began to worship separately, soon after which they formed Budleigh Salterton Baptist Church. This is their story and that of those who have followed in their steps down to the present day.

This is the first time a full history of the church has been written and here are the ups and downs of almost two centuries of Baptist life in this small Devon seaside town.

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The Story of the book in Exeter and Devon (Ian Maxted)

For the first time, the history of the book, and published literature of all kinds in Exeter and Devon, is traced from the dawn of literacy to the present day, in a publication linked to Exeter's designation by UNESCO as a City of Literature, the only city in Britain to receive this accolade in 2019.

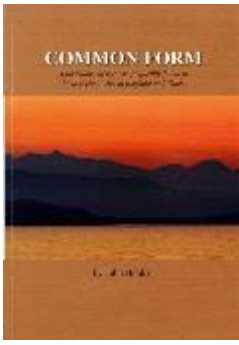
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A Secretary Hand ABC Book (Alf Ison)

This booklet, designed to help newcomers to secretary hand, has been produced with the help and encouragement of the staff of the Berkshire Record Office.

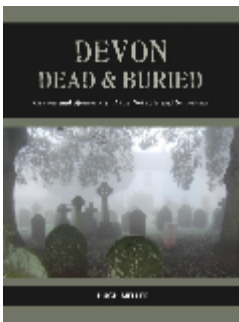
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Common Form (John Booker)

This is a formulary, for archivists and historians, of records frequently found in local repositories. It is essential when faced with a daunting document, say 500 years old and in Latin, to know what it is, how useful it might be, and what parts of it are common to all other records of that type. Some researchers may be surprised to learn that up to 70% of the text in certain types of deed is invariable. So once the 'common form' has been spotted, the effort of interpretation can focus on the names, places, properties, and transactions which are unique to that deed alone. But it is not only deeds which are covered: formulaic analysis extends to other areas including Quarter Sessions, Letters Patent, IPMs, manorial records and wills. As well as indicating defining phrases, the author discusses the historical significance of each record type because appearances can be deceptive.

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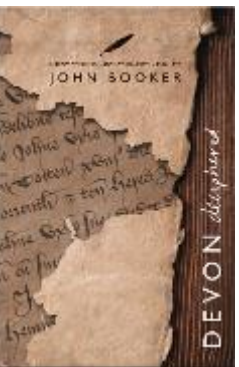


Devon Dead & Buried Graves and Memorials of the Notable and Notorious (Hugh Meller)

This is a book about mortals and memorials.

In the 700 or more religious buildings and burial sites in Devon a cross section of society lies, including aristocrats and artists, paupers and politicians, merchants and missionaries, sailors and suicides. Their often-neglected stories are told in this book. Essential reading for genealogists, family historians, church crawlers and anyone with an interest in Devon.

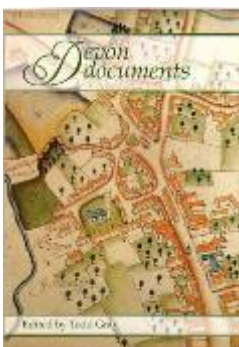
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Devon deciphered (John Booker)

This is a guide for local historians, genealogists and other researchers who are tempted to explore the original documents that underpin their research. It places high-quality facsimiles of twenty Devon manuscripts alongside full transcriptions and explains the historical terminology. Thus, John not only demonstrates how the problems of palaeography and language may be overcome but also provides the reader with a glossary of useful terms and an understanding of the documentary formulae involved. The result is a unique and indispensable guide to understanding local documents from the Middle Ages to the eighteenth century.

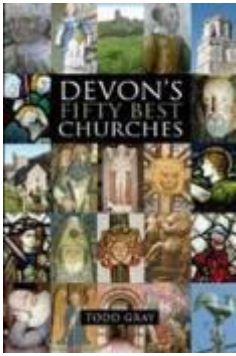
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Devon Documents (Edited by Todd Gray)

Devon Documents marks the contribution to Devon studies of Mrs Margery Rowe as Devon County Archivist. It provides a series of insights into the county's past with 49 contributions by archivists and historians on a wide range of themes including travel, maritime, garden, and ecclesiastical history. The contributors have chosen a document of personal interest; each one is edited with an introduction which places it within its context and shows the historical significance. The documents have been drawn from archives in Devon and others across the country.

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Devon's Fifty Best Churches (Todd Gray)

Devon's Anglican churches are our greatest storehouse of ancient treasures but the sheer number of them (there are more than 600) is so daunting that few people discover which ones are particularly worth visiting. This book reveals where they can be found and provides a historical framework to understand them. Fifty buildings have been selected, as a personal choice, which hold the most outstanding examples of stained glass, fonts, carved bench-ends, screens, memorials, and pulpits.

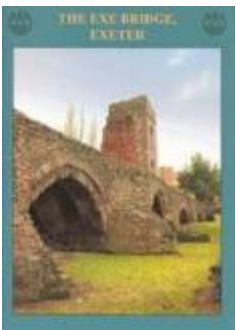
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Devon Topographical Prints, 1660-1870 - A Catalogue and Guide (J.V. Somers Cocks)

Devon Topographical Prints 1660-1870, the result of years of research by the well-known local historian J.V. Somers Cocks, provides details of all known prints of the county, amounting to more than 3,500.

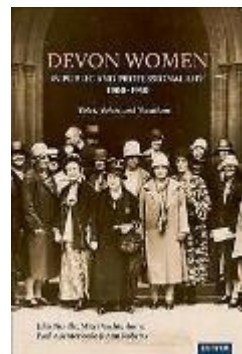
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The Exe Bridge, Exeter (Stewart Brown)

Within a small park close to the River Exe, the remains of the medieval Exe Bridge form one of Exeter's most important historic monuments. The bridge was built about AD1200, when the river was much wider than it is today. Nine of the original 17 or 18 arches still stand, making this one of the most substantial survivals of Britain's early medieval bridges.

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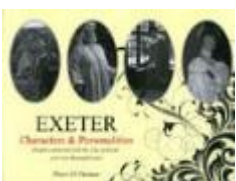


Devon Women in Public and Professional Life 1900-1950

Votes, Voices and Vocations (Julia Neville, Mitzi Aucterlonie, Paul Aucterlonie & Ann Roberts)

Covering politics (Eleanor Acland and Clara Daymond), medicine and education (Dr Mabel Ramsay and Jessie Headridge), and a variety of voluntary organizations (Florence Gascoyne-Cecil, Georgianna Buller, Jane Clinton and Sylvia Calmady-Hamlyn), it shows how women worked individually and in collaboration to create new opportunities for women and girls in a large, mainly rural, county far from London and the industrial heartlands of England. These biographical studies are based on original research and reveal the huge public contribution made by these eight women, who up to now have been largely hidden from history.

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EXETER Characters & Personalities (Peter D Thomas)

Some texts are illustrated with photographs by Peter Thomas of individuals who re-enacted historical characters during The City of Exeter Pageants and costume events from 1991 to 1997.

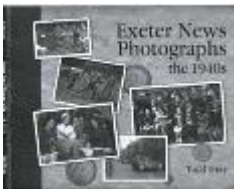
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Exeter's Custom House and Quay (John Allan and Stuart Blaylock)

Exeter's quayside preserves a fine series of historic buildings which reflect the city's former importance as one of England's leading ports. The centrepiece of the group is the Custom House, built in 1680-1, often regarded as the oldest Custom House in Britain. It formed part of a newly remodelled quayside; the long warehouse known as Quay House (now housing the Quay House Interpretation Centre), was constructed at the same time, and is also a building of great historic importance.

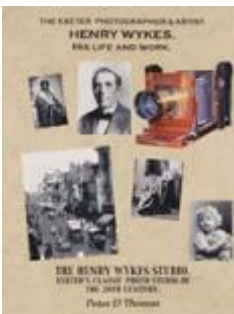
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Exeter News Photographs the 1940s (Todd Gray)

261 photographs of Exeter which appeared as news items in the Western Morning News and Express & Echo in the 1940s.

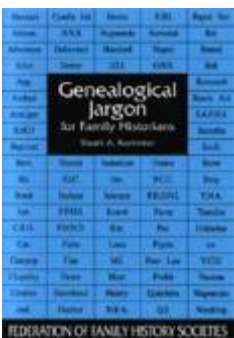
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The Exeter Photographer & Artist Henry Wykes (Peter D Thomas)

A unique record of Exeter's premier photographic studio in the 20th century.

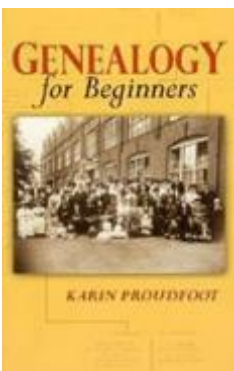
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Genealogical Jargon for Family Historians (Stuart A. Raymond)

Here is a book to help us all. 'Genealogical Jargon for the Family Historians' defines many common (and not-so-common) words, abbreviations and acronyms, including a few Latin words and terms. Each word/term is listed alphabetically with their description following. Together with an appendix which lists all of the Chapman Codes for each of the counties in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales - this is a guide that ALL genealogists (beginner or experienced) should have in their collection.

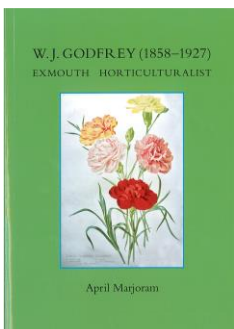
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Genealogy for Beginners (Karen Proudfoot)

Tracing a family history and gradually constructing one's one unique pedigree is an absorbing hobby, a never-ending detective investigation. This book tells the beginner exactly how to set about it: how to collect information from living relatives, how to make full use of all existing clues and traditions, how and where to find written records and what information they can be expected to provide as well as the likely problems that may be encountered and possible ways to solve them.

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W.J. GODFREY (1858-1927) Exmouth Horticulturalist (April Marjoram)

Many horticultural businesses were located in the south of Devon during the Victorian and Edwardian eras, one of those was that of W J Godfrey in Exmouth. This is an account of Godfrey's life and achievements both as a nurseryman and as a significant public figure in Exmouth. It charts the development of his business, records his horticultural achievements and catalogues the new varieties of plants which he introduced.

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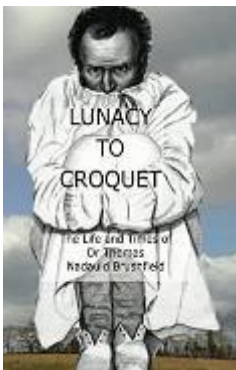


The Icelandic Adventures of Pike Ward (Edited by K.J. Findlay)

The Icelandic Adventures of Pike Ward is the entertaining and intrepid diary of a Devon fish merchant who became an Icelandic knight. An important figure in the birth of modern Iceland, Pike Ward's writing and photographs captured a unique record of his adopted country at the beginning of the twentieth century. His 1906 journal is a frank and funny account of one year in his life, from mixing in Reykjavík society to bargaining for fish on the remote coasts of the north and east. He must travel by pack horse and steamship through wild terrain and terrible seas, all the while attempting to outwit his rivals and cope with the challenges of surviving in a tough land. An introduction and epilogue by K.J. Findlay place the story in the context of a pivotal period in Iceland's history and explain Pike Ward's role in the nation's remarkable rise.

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Lunacy to Croquet The Life and Times of Dr Thomas Nadauld Brushfield (Roger Bowen)

The surprising story of a brilliant man who excelled in the medical treatment of the insane and through his interest in bibliography became the foremost authority of Sir Walter Raleigh's life and literary works.

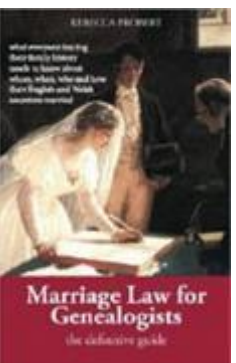
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The Norden Survey of the Duchy of Cornwall Lands in the County of Devon (Edited by Desmond Atkinson)

This book contains a transcription and translation of John Norden's survey of Devon manors carried out in the first quarter of the seventeenth century. The seven manors surveyed were those of the Duchy of Cornwall; the survey also contains a short description of Exeter Castle. Norden's survey provides a fascinating snapshot of life in Devon during the reign of James I; it encompasses rural locations such as Dunkeswell and Heathfield, as well as town such as Ottery St Mary and Ashburton.

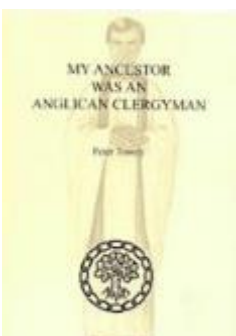
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Marriage Law for Genealogists (Rebecca Probert)

Marriage Law for Genealogists is the indispensable guide for everyone tracing the marriages of their English and Welsh ancestors between 1600 and the twentieth century. Based upon years of painstaking primary research, including new studies of thousands of couples, it explains clearly and concisely why, how, when and where people in past centuries married.

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My Ancestor was an Anglican Clergyman (Peter Towey)

The aim of this booklet is to cover the period from the English reformation in the 1540s to date, concentrating chiefly on the English experience and records. The first part consists of chronological chapters dealing with the sources that are most helpful in the different periods. Part II provides more general background, including explanations of the Church's hierarchy and structure, and how prospective clergymen were educated and appointed.

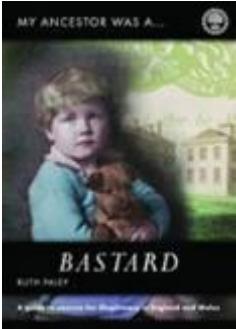
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My Ancestor was an Apprentice (Stuart A. Raymond)

A comprehensive guide to apprenticeship sources and records. Includes an explanation of different types of apprentice and a history of apprenticeships in this country.

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My Ancestor was a Bastard (Ruth Paley)

A family historian's guide to sources for illegitimacy in England and Wales, this book provides an introduction to the world of the unmarried mother and her child and discusses how best to formulate a research strategy. It describes available sources: where to find them, how to use them and what information they contain. Includes a directory of useful websites and a useful glossary for the weird and wonderful synonyms for bastardy that you are likely to encounter in the course of your research.

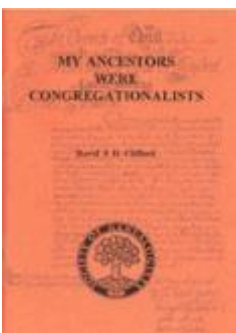
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My Ancestor was in The British Army (Michael J & Christopher T Watts)

This book was written for the modern family historian who wishes to research the activities of their ancestors or kinsmen who served in the British Army since 1660. There is a wealth of such records for the millions of British soldiers who have served their country - many will find surprising and plentiful details of their ancestors while others may struggle to find a one-line mention. In either case, the individual will follow a fascinating thread through British history.

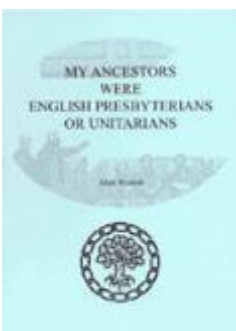
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My Ancestors were Congregationalists (David J H Clifford)

Congregationalism has its roots in the sixteenth century, although it was only after the Toleration Act of 1689 gave official recognition to the Meeting Houses of all dissenters that its members became free to worship openly. This booklet includes an almost exhaustive list of Congregational Chapels founded before 1850, with details of holdings by record offices and major libraries.

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My Ancestors were English Presbyterians or Unitarians (Alan Ruston)

Numerous Presbyterian and Unitarian registers of baptisms, marriages and deaths survive. They are fully listed in this book, which also describes a range of other records. It will be essential reading for all who are trying to trace ancestry from the old dissenters.

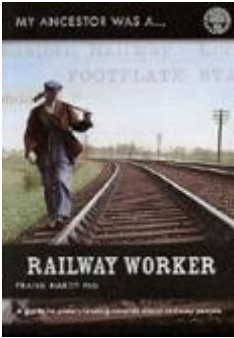
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My Ancestor was a Leather Worker (Ian Waller)

This book examines the history, processes, working conditions and records available for researching the various trades and occupations associated with leather work. The leather trade was at its height in the early to mid-1800s, and amongst our ancestors, we will invariably find leather tanners, curriers, merchants, shoemakers, saddle, and harness makers, even cricket ball makers and sporrans makers. These trades and many more are covered in this comprehensive guide.

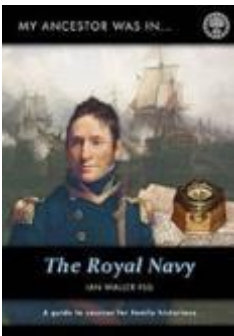
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My Ancestor was a Railway Worker (Frank Hardy)

A complete guide to using railway records, covering all aspects of this hugely significant industry. The book includes a potted history of our railways, case studies and a comprehensive resources section.

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My Ancestor was in The Royal Navy (Ian Waller)

A comprehensive guide to Navy records dating back to before 1700, the book also contains a brief history of the service, guides to uniforms and insignia, divisions and branches of the Navy, pensions, dockyards, casualties, courts martial and tribunals and much, much more. Illustrated throughout in full colour.

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My Ancestor was In Service (Pamela Horn)

By the end of the Victorian era nearly a third of all women and also many men in England and Wales had been a domestic worker at some time in their lives. This book seeks to give some guidance in researching ancestors who were in service or who themselves employed domestic staff.

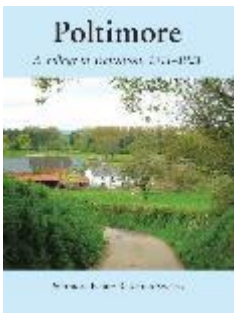
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My Ancestor was a Woman at War (Emma Jolly)

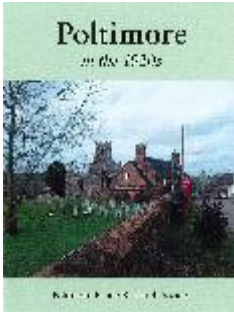
This book aims to explore the wide range of roles undertaken by women during wartime. A useful aid in tracing a female ancestor's military career, the book also encourages wider research into the role of women at war, with a particular emphasis on the Victorian era and the First and Second World Wars. With fascinating case studies, and a very useful guide to available records and sources, this book is an essential read for any family historian with a female military ancestor or indeed an interest in military history.

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Poltimore A Village in Transition, 1911-1921 (Poltimore Estate Research Society)
Produced by the Poltimore Estate Research Society this book outlines the history of Poltimore Village in the period from 1911-1921.

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Poltimore in the 1920s (Poltimore Estate Research Society)
The 1920s was meant to be a time of the 'land fit for heroes' after WW1 but in Poltimore it coincided with the attempted sale by the Bampfylde family of the whole of their Poltimore Estate in 1921. The story of the 1920s that we want to discover is how the village then reshaped itself both economically and socially after it had lost its Patron.

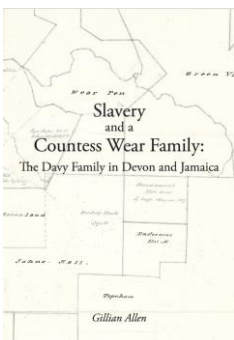
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Poor Law Union Records 3. South - West England, The Marches and Wales (Jeremy Gibson and Colin Rogers)

Covering Berkshire, Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Gloucestershire & Bristol, Hampshire, Herefordshire, Monmouthshire, Oxfordshire, Shropshire, Somerset, Wiltshire, Worcestershire, and all of Wales

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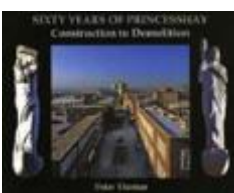


Slavery and a Countess Wear Family: The Davy Family in Devon and Jamaica (Gillian Allen)

How did an ambitious Devon family become slave-owners just as the tide of public opinion was turning in favour of Abolition? How did it change their lives and those of the Africans they enslaved?

In this book one family's history is followed as they criss-cross the Atlantic, setting up coffee plantations in Jamaica and attempting to make their fortunes. Public records are used to reveal as much as possible about the lives of their enslaved workers.

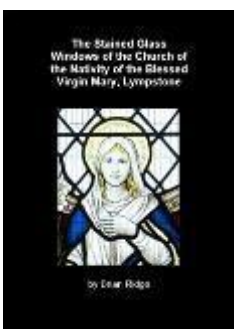
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Sixty Years of Princesshay (Peter Thomas)

The demolition and rebuilding of Princesshay in Exeter from 2005 created a unique opportunity to photographically record the city as it would never be seen again. On completion of demolition one of the most striking views was created resembling exactly how Exeter had been seen after the Second World War with no buildings standing between High Street and the cathedral. The photographic record resulted in 4500 images that formed the resource for the book.

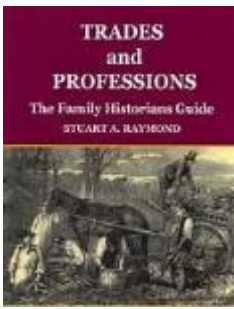
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The Stained Glass Windows of the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Lymington (Brian Ridge)

Brian Ridge has had a long-term interest and hobby of studying stained glass. In particular he has studied every separate panel of the 'Stained Glass Windows of the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Lymington.' The result is a beautifully illustrated book which describes the provenance of the individual windows, many of which are quite special, with anecdotal interludes on the villager personalities involved.

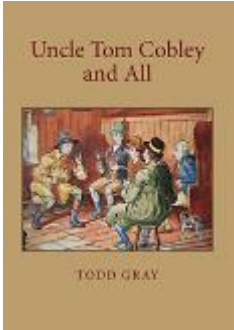
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TRADES AND PROFESSIONS: The Family Historians Guide (Stuart Raymond)

A huge amount of information about our ancestors can be discovered by consulting the records of their occupations. Employers kept records of their employees. Trade unions, professional associations, and trade guilds kept records of their members. And bureaucratic attempts to regulate particular trades and professions created mountains of paper. A wide range of archives survive and can be consulted by researchers.

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Uncle Tom Cobley and all (Todd Gray)

Tom Pearce and his old grey mare have long been an iconic part of Devon's cultural heritage and Uncle Tom Cobley one of the county's most well-known characters along with Bill Brewer, Jan Stewer, Peter Gurney, Daniel Whiddon and Harry Hawk.

In the late 1800s 'Widdicombe Fair' became Devon's anthem but the long history of this much-loved ballad has never been told. Nor has it been suspected that it has so many surprises.

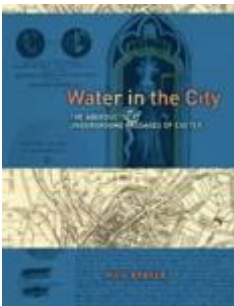
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War Memorials: A Guide for Family Historians (Susan Tall)

This book combines the use of local and national archives with many references to the rich resources that continue to grow on the internet. It is arranged in two parts. The first aims to show family historians how they may locate war memorials where family members are named, from the Boer War to the present day. The second explains how to research their lives and military history.

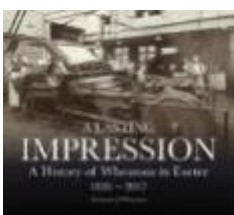
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Water in the City (Mark Stoye)

Water in the City provides a richly illustrated history of Exeter's famous underground passages - and of Exeter's system of public water supply during the medieval and early modern periods. Illustrated with full colour throughout, Mark Stoye shows how and why the passages and aqueducts were originally built, considers the technologies that were used in their construction, explains how they were funded and maintained, and reveals the various ways in which the water fountains were used and abused by the townsfolk.

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A LASTING IMPRESSION A History of Wheatons in Exeter 1835-2017

(Anthony J Wheaton)

Wheatons – booksellers, stationers, educational publishers and printers One of Exeter's oldest companies, Wheatons has origins traceable to 1780. Originally based in Fore Street and extending through to Bartholomew Street, the printing works moved to the **Marsh Barton Trading Estate** from 1967.

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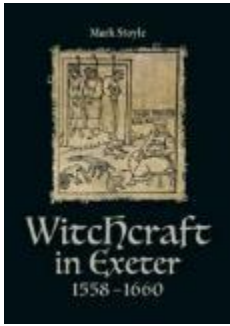


Welfare in Widecombe 1700-1900 An illustrated journey through local archives

(Roger Claxton)

This book looks at the welfare provision in Widecombe roughly between 1700 and 1900 against the legal background in place at the time and makes extensive use of material from the Widecombe Archive and Parish Chest to illustrate the points made.

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Witchcraft in Exeter 1558-1660 (Mark Stoye)

The ancient city of Exeter is the last place in England where people are known to have been hanged for the alleged crime of 'witchcraft'. In this book, Mark Stoye tells the stories of some of the unfortunate men and women who were denounced to the city magistrates as 'witches' between 1558 and 1660: the period during which the great majority of English witch-prosecutions occurred. Following the progress of each case from accusation, to imprisonment, to trial, to ultimate sentence – and, sometimes, all the way up to the gallows itself – the book sheds powerful new light on occult belief in Tudor and Stuart Exeter, and on the dark, uneasy world of the urban 'witch'.

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