Recommended Genealogy Books

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This list is compiled from recommendations made by fellow genealogists, including several professionals. This is not a comprehensive list.

Albion's Seed: Four British Folkways in America by David Hackett Fischer

Atlas of American History by Paul S. Boyer

Atlas of Westward Expansion by Alan Wexlar

Black's Law Dictionary 4th edition or earlier recommended by Judy Russell (The Legal Genealogist)

Bringing Your Family History to Life Through Social History by Katherine Scott Sturdevant

Courthouse Indexes Illustrated by Christine Rose

Courthouse Research for Family Historians: Your Guide to Genealogical Treasures by Christine Rose

Elements of Genealogical Analysis by Robert Charles Anderson

Ethical Dilemmas in Genealogy by Dr. Penny Walters

Evidence Explained by Elizabeth Shown Mills

Evidence! Citation & Analysis for the Family Historian by Elizabeth Shown Mills

The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy 2nd Edition by Blaine T. Bettinger, 2019

The Family Tree Problem Solver: Proven Methods for Scaling the Inevitable Brick Wall by Marsha Hoffman Rising

The Family Tree Toolkit: A Comprehensive Guide to Uncovering Your Ancestry and Researching Genealogy by Kenyatta D. Berry

Finding Your Roots: Easy-To-Do Genealogy And Family History by Janice Schultz

Genealogical Proof Standard: Building a Solid Case by Christine Rose

Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research by Michael J. Leclerc

Genealogy 101 by Barbara Renick

Genealogy Evidence by Noel C. Stevenson

Genealogy Standards: Fiftieth Anniversary Edition by The Board for Certification of Genealogists (BCG)

How to Do Everything Genealogy, 4th Edition by George G. Morgan

How to Find Your Family History in U.S. Church Records: A Genealogist's Guide by Sunny Jane Morton & Harold A. Henderson

Land and Property Research in The United States by E. Wade Hone

Map Guided American Migration Routes, 1735-1815 by William Dollarhide

Mastering Genealogical Documentation by Thomas W. Jones

Mastering Genealogical Proof by Thomas W. Jones

Mastering Online Genealogy by W. Daniel Quillen

Professional Genealogy: A Manual for Researchers, Writers, Editors, Lecturers, and Librarians by Elizabeth Shown Mills

Professional Genealogy: Preparation, Practice & Standards by Elizabeth Shown Mills

Reading Early American Handwriting by Kip Sperry

Research Like a Pro: A Genealogist's Guide by Diana Elder, AG with Nicole Dyer

Research Like a Pro with DNA: A Genealogist's Guide to Finding and Confirming Ancestors with DNA Evidence by Diana Elder, Nicole Dyer, and Robin Wirthlin

Secrets of Tracing Your Ancestors by W. Daniel Quillen (series of books)

The BCG Genealogical Standards Manual by The Board for Certification of Genealogists (BCG)

The Red Book: American State, County, and Town Sources 3rd Revised Edition edited by Alice Eichholz, Ph.D., CG., 2004 – also available online

The Researcher's Guide To American Genealogy 3rd Edition by Val D. Greenwood

The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy 3rd Edition by Loretto Dennis Szucs – also available online

They Came In Ships: Finding Your Immigrant Ancestor's Arrival Record 3rd Edition by John Philip Colletta

Understanding Documents for Genealogy & Local History by Bruce Durie

Unpuzzling Your Past 4th Edition by Emily Croom, 2010

Unpuzzling Your Past Workbook by Emily Croom

Westward Expansion and History of The Frontier by Ray Allen Billington

Who Do You Think You Are?: The Essential Guide To Tracing Your Family History by Megan Smolenyak