

HERBERT FIELD &
DOUGLASS FARMER
HISTORY SOCIETY
ROOTS '11 COURSE IN FAMILY HISTORY

COMMENCING DATE: - 3rd October 2011

Duration: - 10 weeks

Frequency: - weekly Monday evenings

Location: -The RootCellar, Meltham

Time: - 7.00-9.00pm

The course will be prefaced by an introduction to the Root Cellar

Session 1a The status quo: - establishing individual starting points.
Quantifying information already to hand
Designing courses of individual research

Session 1b Civil Registration: - extrapolating information from civil registration documents

- a. Birth records
- b. Marriage records
- c. death certificates

Task for next session: - secure at least one certificate to verify and expand the theoretical construct

Session II Census Records: - expanding knowledge about the family which has been identified through the civil registration process
Understanding census records and identifying which records are available.

Task for next session: - Secure at least one original census record to verify the information gathered so far.

Session III Understanding Parish Records: - a. baptisms
b. marriages
c. burials
d. understanding *olde ritings and spellings*

Task for next session: - gather examples of Parish records appertaining to the theoretical construct.

Session IV Other Sources of Information (1)

a. Non-Conformist records. b. Catholic records. c. Jewish records. b. Quaker records

Task for next session: - construct a provisional family tree from the work already done.

Session V. Other sources of information (2): -

MIs, churchyard and cemetery records
Wills and Admons
Property records
Apprenticeships
Newspapers

N.B. this section is underpinned by the study of palaeography and the study of old documents

Task: - Try and secure records relevant to the personal family construct from the above sources.

Session VI Military Records and Newspaper information

Tracing your ancestors in the armed forces and through local and national newspapers and online tools

Task: - Try and locate an ancestor's record or establish a connection with the military through artefacts e.g. medals and newspaper cuttings.

Session VII The Foreign Connection: - Scotland

Ireland
Wales
The Commonwealth
Immigration & emigration
Investigations abroad

Task: - Gather information appertaining to any relative who gives the family a connection with other lands.

Session VIII The dark side and the lighter side

Prisons,
The Judicial System
Paupers and the Workhouse
Divorces
Debts
Bastardy Orders
Ecclesiastical Courts
Tracing famous relatives

Task: - Secure examples of at least one of the above.

Session IX. The World of Work: -

The Professions
The World of Commerce
Occupations
Trade Guilds
Taxes

Session X Plenary: - Drawing it all together.

It is anticipated that this will be a time for reflection and practical advice using computers.

Also there will be an on-going use of the internet to locate records and an opportunity to explore various websites
The cost is £45.00 for members and £55.00 for non-members but the latter includes one year's subscription to the Huddersfield & District Family History Society.

It is entirely possible that applicants who have already undertaken elements of the course can negotiate to attend the modules not already covered at an agreed fee,

A.S.K. 9th June 2011