

Record your sources

Sources are the mainstay of genealogy and must be recorded. Information such as a birth, marriage, death of an ancestor need to be recorded with any documents and where you found that information

If you don't record the source of your information there is a high probability that you will lose all or part of the information, or you won't be able to find it again. You will then waste time repeating what you have previously done.

Importantly it should also say what you failed to find.

Research Logs help you see what you have done and where to go next. If you have a break of several months it then helps you to carry on where you left off. You can make a research log on paper, on a searchable note taking app like Evernote or even Word or Excel



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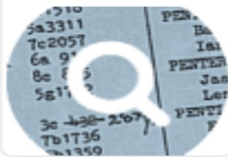
Reminders

Hampshire Record Offic...

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Find my Past searches in p...

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Hampshire Record Office online pick ups and most from Ancestry Hants wills etc

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Alt Ref No	4M63/33
Title	Lease and release: close called 'Jolly Robbins' in Alderholt
Date	29-30 Sep 1702
Description	i) Clifford Hall of Alderholt in Cranborne, clerk ii) Nicholas Dymott of North Corely in Fordingbridge, yeoman

bargain and sale in Brockenhurst Parish 1745

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What's needed on the Research Log:

1. Date and place of research ie today's date at top of page. New records come on to the internet so you need to know when and where the research was done a while back.

2. purpose of the research - what do you want to find ?

Create source citations:

1. Book - title, author page and catalogue no if possible
2. Document - Catalogue no. And title if in a repository
3. website - name the website/route and copy the URL onto your Research Log if electronic/digital

Details

1. You need the details you are looking for
2. Thoughts of where to go next
3. Unconnected information for future use
4. Scope of research in years
5. Limitations to what you could find ?
6. Note strategies or questions - one or more children moved - why - job, another family member, one that stayed - look after parent ?
How far did they move ? - map

Can't find data:

Note if you can't find anything - nil/none

Specify what none is for - 'no surname found ' etc

If left blank you haven't done it !

Conflicting data - say so.

Keywords help to find the info on the log again and a system can search more easily.

Give the person a nickname even - Thomas of Ibsley, Frederick Alan the bricklayer

Or have a numbering system. It doesn't have to be complicated - just give the next person the next number - the numbers don't have to relate to one another.

Maps :

Look at a map of the area - is it near a boundary ?

Look on the other side of the boundary and note dates of boundary changes, nearby towns and villages

12mile walk for Ag Labs

Rivers/coast for transport - underground/train/tram/bus routes

Note down wider features - what could they see from where they were ?

Additional ideas :

To organise source sheets:

1 file per surname

Start with a pedigree chart

Each section has 1 ancestor organised chronologically.

URL digital file with links to named and numbered people for quick checking

Photos : Number and date and cross reference on the research log.

Documents/certificates : number and date receipt and cross ref to research log.

Emails : electronic folder and note on research log

Recordings : cross ref to research log

And - to put information on a family history program - discuss