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Guide to Sources of Information

General

Bagley, J.T., *Historical Interpretations*, (Penguin 1965, reprint David and Charles 1972). Two vols. outlining the sources of information available century by century from the 11th to the 20th century.

Glover, Eileen A., *Latin for Local History*, (Longmans 1978). An excellent primer for those bold enough to venture into medieval records. Gives many examples of documents in standard form, each in the original latin and in translation ; also a good vocabulary and basic grammar.

Humphery-Smith, Cecil, *The Phillimore Atlas of and Index of Parish Registers*, (Phillimore 1984). A complete listing of Parish registers for England and Wales with the dates covered, their whereabouts and to what extent each is covered by the IGL.

International Genealogical Index (IGI) ('The Mormon Index'). Country-wide coverage of births and marriages from Parish Registers, now covers nearly all parishes, though not necessarily for the total period of the registers. On microfiche in major libraries. Also covers many other countries. Ongoing.

Norton, Jane E., *Guide to the National and Provincial Directories of England and Wales, excluding London, published before 1856*, (Royal Historical Soc. 1950). The standard bibliography. *Note*. Guildhall Library, London, has probably the most extensive collection of Trades Directories to be found anywhere.

Stephens, W.B., *Sources for English Local History*, (Manchester Univ. Press 1973). A detailed survey of the records available to local historians, with numerous examples.

West, John, *Town Records*, (Phillimore 1983). A very detailed study of the records available for many hundreds of towns. Includes newspapers, trades directories and maps as well as all sorts of borough archives.

Handwriting

Emmerson, F.C., *How to Read Local Archives 1550-1700*, (Historical Assn. 1967)

Grieve, Hilda E.P., *Examples of English Handwriting 1150-1700*, (Essex Record Office 1974)

Newton, K.C., *Medieval Local Records*, (Historical Assn. 1971)

All give numerous examples with transcripts and/or translations. There is a chapter illustrating changing letter forms over the centuries in David Iredale's *Enjoying Archives* (Phillimore 1980), which also has a comprehensive list of record repositories (includes Scotland)

Heraldry

Scott-Giles, C.W., *Civic Heraldry of England and Wales* (London 1933, American reprints 1953 and 1972). Illustrates the arms of counties, cities and towns.

Papworth, John W., *Ordinary of British Armorial* (London 1874, recent reprints). The standard work for identifying owners from their arms. Needs a knowledge of heraldic blazoning to use it. Not infallible.

Original Records

Census returns 1841-1891 at the PRO. Many local history libraries/record offices have the local area on microfilm.

PCC wills at the PRO. Indexed, on microfilm . London proved wills at Guildhall Library. Other wills (also inventories) at County Record Offices

Rolls of Freemen, Tax lists, Rate Books, Deeds, Court records at County Record Offices or among City Archives..*Note*. Check whether published by local Record Societies.

Pewterers Company archives at Guildhall Library, London. Published selectively by Charles Welch, *History of the Worshipful Company of Pewterers*, 1902

John Duncumb's daybook and an Ingram & Hunt sales ledger on microfilm owned by the Society (In the writer's keeping)

Note. The editions cited are those known to the writer. There are more recent ones of many of the works.

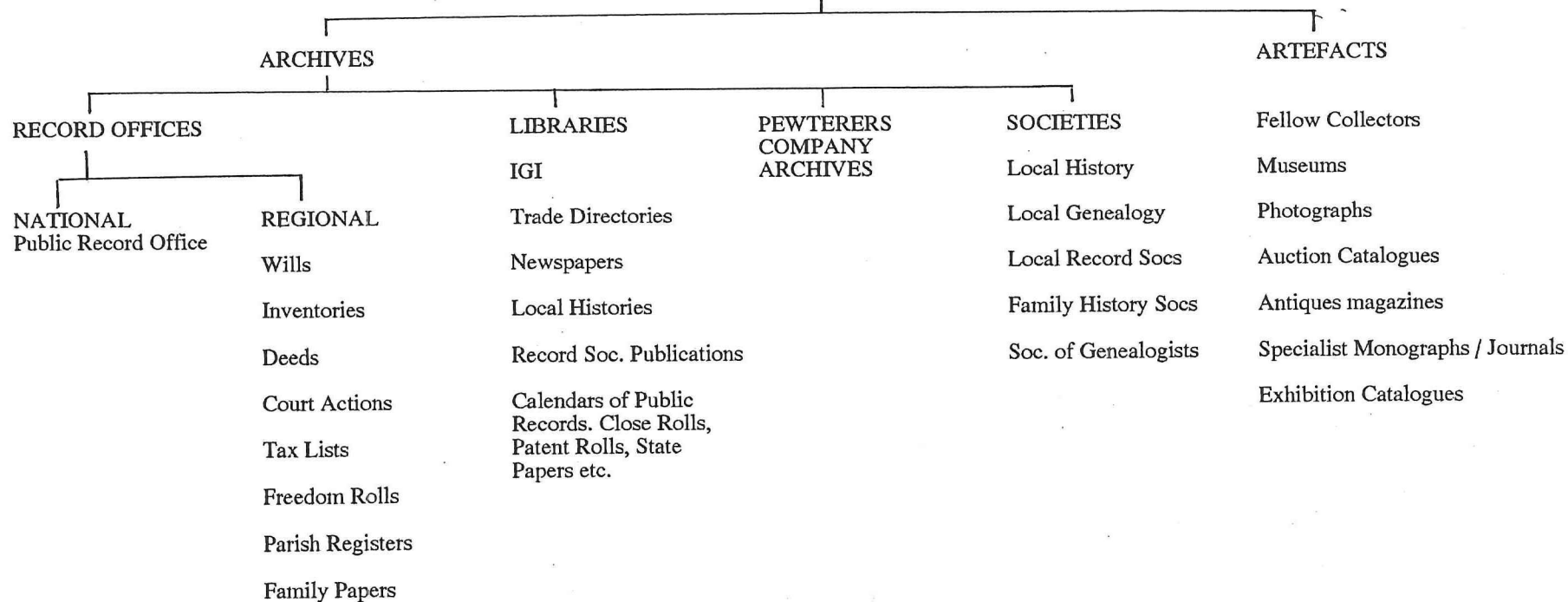
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IDENTIFY TOPIC

READ ALL YOU CAN FIND
ABOUT IT - CONSULT OTHER PEOPLE

DO SOME LATERAL THINKING
ARE THERE NON-OBVIOUS
APPROACHES, ANALOGIES ETC.?

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CRITICISE

Is it intellectually honest, self-explanatory, unambiguous, internally consistent ?