

HANDWRITING

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A Selected List of Research Materials

This is a sample listing of the kinds of materials you can find in our collection. Most research materials are located in R-GEN 4XX. To locate any of the titles or subjects, please use our online catalog at <http://www.irclibrary.org>. There are numerous articles that can be found in some of our Internet subscriptions such as Heritage Quest Online. Ask the librarian for assistance.

Books

- *Understanding Colonial Handwriting* by Harriet Stryker-Rodda
- *The Handwriting of American Records for A Period of 300 Years* by E. Kay Kirkham
- *Reading Early American Handwriting* by Kip Sperry
- *Examples of English Handwriting, 1150-1750: With Transcripts and Translations* by Hilda E. P. Grieve.
- *Deciphering Handwriting in German Documents: Analyzing German, Latin, and French in Vital Records Written in Germany* by Roger P. M
- *French Records Extraction: An Instructional Guide* [Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Genealogical Department]

PERSI (Periodical Source Index)

This valuable resource can be found at our online subscription Heritage Quest.com. Search the how-to's list by the keyword "handwriting" and you will get a listing of over 350 articles found in genealogy magazines around the world. If you want a specific language, search by "handwriting German or Swedish or French."

FAMILY SEARCH.ORG

Handwriting research outlines can be found under "Research Helps" then by article subject. The following all have a section in the "Research Outline" about handwriting: Australia, Canada, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Scotland, Sweden, Wales, and Wisconsin. In addition, a manual is available on German Gothic handwriting.

Video Recording

Reading Early American Handwriting - R-GEN VID 421.10973 REA

Web Sites

1. *Deciphering Old Handwriting* – from a genealogy course taught by Sabina J. Murray
<http://www.amberskyline.com/treasuremaps/oldhand.html>
2. *Deciphering Old Handwriting* by Kimberly Powell, about.com
http://genealogy.about.com/od/paleography/a/old_handwriting.htm
3. *Reading and Understanding Old Documents & Records* by Kimberly Powell, about.com
http://genealogy.about.com/od/basics/a/old_handwriting.htm
4. CYNDI's List – Handwriting and Script <http://www.cyndislist.com/handwrit.htm>
5. Handwriting - <http://www.genealogy.com/00000010.html>

Handwriting Analysis is NOT covered in this handout. There are many books available in circulation and reference. Check the catalog.