

The Bookworm

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Recent additions to the Brian O'Regan Memorial Library

Fitzpatrick, Colleen and Andrew Yeiser. *DNA & Genealogy*. Huntington Beach, CA: Rice Book Press, 2005.

This is an ideal handbook for genealogists interested in DNA.

Fitzpatrick, Colleen. *Forensic Genealogy*. Huntington Beach, CA: Rice Book Press, 2005.

Using case studies the author shows how careful detailed analysis of old photographs, of birth, marriage and death indexes and city directories and of DNA offers fascinating insights into family history.

Fitzpatrick, Colleen. *The Dead Horse Investigation: Forensic Photo Analysis for Everyone*. Huntington Beach, CA: Rice Book Press, 2008.

Colleen describes how clues in the photograph, such as paper, mat, edges, and photographer's marks can determine the location or the name of the subject.

Godber, Joyce. *History of Bedfordshire 1066–1888*. Bedfordshire County Council, 1984.

Reed, Michael. *A History of Buckinghamshire*. London, England: Phillimore & Co. Ltd, 1993.

Wickes, Michael. *A History of Huntingdonshire*. London, England: Phillimore & Co. Ltd, 1995.

Watkin, Bruce. *A History of Wiltshire*. London, England: Phillimore & Co. Ltd, 1989.

Four more books have been added to the county histories of England.

Brooks, Richard. *Cassell's Battlefields of Britain and Ireland*. London, England: Weidenfeld & Nicolson, 2005.

Based on extant historical sources, this is a survey of military actions fought on British and Irish soil from Julius Caesar's invasion in 55 BC to the Battle of Britain in 1940; 100 detailed battle maps illustrate the text.

Richards, Eric. *The Highland Clearances: People, Landlords and Rural Turmoil*. Edinburgh, Scotland: Birlinn Ltd., 2008.

This book aims to provide a modern, skeptical and balanced survey of the Highland experience.

Mayhew, Henry. *London Labour and the London Poor*, 4 volumes. Mineola, NY: Dover Publications, 1968.

For many years the library has had a copy of the first volume of Mayhew's study of London street folk in the 1850s. Recently I was able to purchase the complete four-volume set that was originally published in 1861 and reprinted in 1968 by Dover Publications. Volumes One, Two and Three deal with the lives of street folk of London. Mayhew spent years interviewing these people and describes how and where they lived, their clothes, their entertainments and customs, and their trades, with detailed estimates of the income and the numbers practising that particular trade. Volume Four is about "those who will not work, comprising prostitutes, thieves, swindlers and beggars."