

Book list for reading old handwriting

'best buys'

Alf Ison, *A Secretary Hand ABC Book* (1982 and 1990) – from Berks FHS
Lionel Munby, Steve Hobbs and Alan Crosby, *Reading Tudor and Stuart handwriting*
(BALH – British Assoc. for Local History (1982)

Useful for handwriting and understanding documents generally – for older ones try second-hand book shop or use a public library or record office or see if re-issued.

C R Cheney ed. *A Handbook of dates for students of British history* (Royal Hist. Soc. Guides and handbooks 4, 1955; revised edn. By M Jones, 2000).

Hilda Grieve, *Examples of English Handwriting 1150-1750* (Essex Record Office Publications, 21 1954) many reprints since.

L C Hector, *The Handwriting of English Documents* (reprinted edn. 1988)

David Hey, *The Oxford Companion to Local and Family History* (Oxford Univ. Press, 1996 and revised since).

Lionel M Munby, *Dates and Time: a handbook for local historians* (BALH, 1997)

As mentioned in the sessions, The National Archives paleography link is below

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/palaeography/>