

CCHT Volunteers' Training

An Introduction to Palaeography

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Lowther Castle, nr Penrith

Session One: Thursday 18th April, 10.30am -12.30pm

Session Two: Thursday 2nd May, 10.30am -12.30pm

Session Three: Thursday 9th May, 10.30am -12.30pm

Refreshments from 10.15am

Course Details

These three sessions are designed to help VCH volunteers with the skills needed to read old hand writing, by focusing on manuscripts in English from the 16th and 17th centuries. We will look at classes of archive sources which are of particular use to local historians, including probate records, manorial and estate records, Quarter Sessions papers and parish records.

These sessions offer an introduction to palaeography, and no existing palaeography skills are required. However, in order to fully benefit, participants should attend all three sessions.

Hard-copy print outs will be given for every document the participants will be working on. Examples will also be provided for participants to practice with between sessions.

No preparation is needed. Just bring along a pencil for your notes. Some participants may find a magnifying glass useful.



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Cumbria County History Trust

Geology and Glaciation of Cumbria: 7 May 2013

To: VCH volunteers

In response to popular demand, Professor David Wilcock will run a further double session on Tuesday 7 May at Lowther Castle. He will build on the initial, non-specialist introduction he gave on 20 March about the geological and glacial history of Cumbria. The first part will focus on the influence of geology since Devonian times on Cumbria's topography, mining and building materials, and the second on the effects of glaciations on landscape and how soils have been modified by society.

The first part will run from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., and the second from 1.30 to 3.30 p.m., and both will take place in the Courtyard Lecture Theatre. Refreshments will be available from 10.00 a.m., and lunch can be purchased at the restaurant in the Castle. There will be no fee to pay for the sessions, and parking is free of charge.

A booking form is set out below for your use. A prompt reply would be particularly helpful to indicate whether the numbers of registrations justifies the running of the day.

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