

Dictionaries, Reference Works, and Journals

The following are just a handful of key reference works, other titles will be found under specific subject headings.

Family History

H.C.G. Matthew and Brian Harrison eds., *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*, 60 vols. (2004); with supplements and online revisions, www.oxforddnb.com

Leslie Stephen and Sidney Lee, *Dictionary of National Biography*, 63 vols. (1885-1900), with 20th-century Supplements

James McGuire and James Quinn, *Dictionary of Irish Biography*, 9 vols (Dublin and Cambridge, 2010), online version: <http://dib.cambridge.org>

George Edward Cokayne, *The Complete Peerage*, 13 vols. (1910-1913; rpt. 1987)

Burke's Peerage, recent volumes are more comprehensive, but earlier editions can be simpler to use

Architecture

Catalogue of the Drawings Collection of the Royal Institute of British Architects, 20 vols. (1969-1989)

Howard Colvin, *A Biographical Dictionary of British Architects 1600-1840*, (fourth edition, 2007)

John Archer, *The Literature of British Domestic Architecture, 1715-1842* (1985)

Eileen Harris, *British Architectural Books and Writers, 1556-1785* (1990)

The Mark J. Millard Architectural Collection, National Gallery of Art, Washington DC

French Books, Sixteenth to Early Nineteenth Centuries (1993)

British Books, Seventeenth through Nineteenth Centuries (1998)

Northern European Books, Sixteenth to Early Nineteenth Centuries (1999)

Italian and Spanish Books, Fifteenth through Nineteenth Centuries (2000)

Nikolaus Pevsner, *The Buildings of England* series

A county-by-county guide to England and much of Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, these are an invaluable and unique survey of the built heritage. Begun in the 1951 and initially published by Penguin Books, these guides, now titled Pevsner Architectural Guides are in the process of being revised and enlarged by Yale University Press, for more information see: <http://yalebooks.co.uk/pevsner.asp>

Another useful, much shorter, gazetteer is the *The Buildings of Britain* series under the general editorship of Alastair Service.

Alastair Service, *Anglo-Saxon and Norman* (1982)

Malcom Airs, *Tudor and Jacobean* (1982)

Richard Morrice, *Stuart and Baroque* (1982)

David Watkin, *Regency* (1982)

Fine and Decorative Arts and Music

Ulrich Thieme and Felix Becker, *Allgemeines Lexicones Bildenden Kuenstler*, 43 vols. (1907-62); succeeded by Hans Vollmer ed., *Allgemeines Lexikon der bildenden Künstler des XX. Jahrhunderts*.

Jane Shoaf Turner, *The Dictionary of Art*, 34 vols. (1996), revised as *Grove Art Online*.

John Ingamells, *A Dictionary of British and Irish Travellers in Italy, 1701-1800* (1997)

Harold Osborne ed., *The Oxford Companion to the Decorative Arts* (1975)

John Fleming and Hugh Honour, *The Penguin Dictionary of Decorative Arts* (1977)

John Tyrell and Stanley Sadie eds., *The New Grove Dictionary of Music*, 29 volumes (1980), also available as *Grove Music Online*.

Research Guides

Michael Holmes, *The Country House Described, An Index to the Country Houses of Great Britain and Ireland* (1986)

Arthur Elton, Brett Harrison, Keith Wark, *Researching the Country House, A Guide for Local Historians* (1992)

Richard Goodenough, *Researching the History of a Country House* (2010)

Terence Dooley, *The Big Houses and Landed Estates of Ireland: A Research Guide* (2007)

Terence Dooley, *Sources for the History of Landed Estates in Ireland* (2000)

John Richardson, *The Local Historians Encyclopedia* (1986)

C.R.J. Currie and C.P.Lewis, *A Guide to English County Histories* (1997)

Gardens and Landscapes

Ray Desmond, *Bibliography of British and Irish Gardens* (1988)

Michael Charlesworth, *The English Garden, Literary Sources and Documents*, 3 vols (1993)

Candice Shoemaker ed., *Chicago Botanic Gardens Encyclopedia of Gardens History and Design*, 3 vols. (2001)

Gwyn Headley and Wim Meulenkamp, *Follies, Grottoes and Garden Buildings* (1999)

Archives

Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts:

Principal Family and Estate Collections: Family Names A-K (1996)

Principal Family and Estate Collections: Family Names L-W (1999)

The Historical Manuscripts Commission was merged with The National Archives in 2003. It maintains databases of archives including the National Register of Archives, see, www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/archives-sector/hmc.htm
Records of locally held papers can be searched via, www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/a2a

Journals

The number of journal titles published is prodigious, and keeping track of these can be very hard work and time-consuming. However students can sign up for the Zetoc monitoring and search service, to be sent an outline of contents for selected title, see <http://zetoc.mimas.ac.uk>

Past issues of journals can be searched through the JStor facility, see: www.jstor.org

Below is just a small selection of titles that have been useful, other titles will be found under specific subject headings.

Apollo

Art Bulletin

Art History

British Art Journal

Burlington Magazine

Georgian Group Journal

Irish Architectural and Decorative Studies

Irish Arts Review

Journal of the History of Collections

Journal of the Warburg and Courtauld Institutes

Oxford Art Journal

Sculpture Journal

Sculpture Review

Word and Image

Architectural History

English Heritage Review
Follies Journal
Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians (USA)

Agricultural History Review
Country Life
Journal of Garden History
Landscape Journal
New Arcadians Journal
Rural History
Studies in the History of Gardens and Designed Landscapes

British Journal for Eighteenth-Century Studies
Eighteenth-Century Studies
Eighteenth-Century Life
English Historical Review
Huntington Library Quarterly
Irish Historical Studies
Journal of British Studies
Past and Present
Restoration
Studies in Eighteenth-Century Culture
Transactions of the Royal Historical Society
Victorian Literature and Culture
Victorian Studies
William and Mary Quarterly

Organisations

Many of these groups issue regular newsletters and journals.

Association of Art Historians, www.aah.org.uk

Folly Fellowship, www.follies.org.uk

Garden History Society, www.gardenhistorysociety.org

Georgian Group, www.georgiangroup.org.uk

Irish Georgian Society, www.igs.ie

Mausolea and Monuments Trust, www.mmtrust.org.uk

The Paul Mellon Centre, www.paul-mellon-centre.ac.uk

Save Britain's Heritage, www.savebritainsheritage.org

Society of Antiquaries of London, www.sal.org.uk

Society of Architectural Historians of Great Britain, www.sahgb.org.uk

Victorian Society, www.victoriansociety.org.uk