

Tracing Your Channel Island Ancestors by Marie-Louise Backhurst

Published as part of the, Tracing Your Ancestor Series. This volume contains a wealth of information within its 186 pages. Written in a clear, easy to read format with photographic illustrations and a concise index.

The book itself is divided into 5 chapters.

Chapter one Internet resources and sources located outside of the Islands.

Chapter two covers Jersey.

Chapter three covers Guernsey, Herm and the less well known island of Jethou.

Chapter four covers Alderney.

Chapter five Sark.

There is also a listing of Family History Societies, libraries and archives for the Islands.

Each chapter commences with a general description of the geography, history and the administration of the relevant Island. Followed by, a comprehensive look at the civil records, Church Registers and Surnames and Cemeteries. Also covered are property and other official records, military and migration, education, employment and crime.

I recommend this as a valuable text to anyone researching their Channel Island ancestry. It would make a useful addition to a genealogical library or for anyone who has an interest in the Islands.

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