

Maps – Truth, Lies and Family History

Course Details (Booking Essential)

Dates: **Session 1 - 07 March 2018** 2:00pm to 3:30pm
 Session 2 - 14 November 2018 2:00pm to 3:30pm

Venue: **Tameside Local Studies and Archives Centre**
 Old Street, Ashton-under-Lyne. OL6 7SG
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Summary

This short course will introduce participants to the often bewildering variety, form and uses of maps. It will illustrate how different styles and applications influence their design and presentation and consider how they may be interpreted. Investigation of place names, addresses, ownership and occupation of land and buildings will be of particular relevance to local and family historians. Information on sources and locations of maps and collections will be provided.

Adrian Brown will present the course. He has a lifelong interest in maps as a professional and leisure user, historian, draughtsman, civil engineer, planner and early developer of digital mapping.

Topic Headings

Session 1

Maps – what are they?
My introductions to maps
The origins and history of mapping
What are maps for?
Are maps a true representation?
Conventions used in mapping

Session 2

How maps are measured and drawn
Symbols used on maps
Places, street names, property numbers and other local information
Personal, ownership, liabilities and genealogical information
Sources of maps

Useful Publications and References

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